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INTRODUCTION

"Frank Miller's Coming to Town"
by **Jim Salicrup**

It seems like it was just last Tuesday that as an Assistant Editor I was stationed outside Associate Editor **Jim Shooter's** office when the surprisingly young and talented **Frank Miller** first waltzed through the hallowed halls of mighty Marvel! Probably was high noon, too! It's difficult to believe that was really several years ago. I still remember Big Jim's excitement and enthusiasm as he poured over, for the first time, Frank's art samples. Jim knew, even then, that he had come upon a major new talent. Almost immediately Jim placed tremendous confidence and faith in this newcomer and spent many hours encouraging and guiding Frank. It wasn't long before Jim was so taken with Frank's ability to tell someone else's story in pictures that Jim suggested that Frank should begin plotting his own stories.

Later, working closely with Editor **Denny O'Neil**, Frank created what is now comic art history. Frank's collaborations with **Klaus Jansen** on **DAREDEVIL** and with **Chris Claremont** and **Joe Rubinstein** on **WOLVERINE** are already considered some of the most outstanding comic book achievements of the eighties!

Within this deluxe Special Edition we're proud to re-present the first two stories Frank penciled featuring the crimson-clad Man Without Fear. Collectors are already paying premium prices for **PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN** issues 26 and 27, which originally published these tales. This Special Edition allows serious comic art students an inexpensive look at those issues which featured the nascent, yet already distinctive, Miller style!

We've also added new pages, scripted by **Bill Mantlo**, to fill in readers on what came before this issue's dramatic events! **Mark Bright** and **Vince Colleta** illustrated this special flashback sequence which due to schedule reasons neither Frank Miller nor **Frank Springer** could handle. Frank, however, did manage to find time to pencil and ink this Special Edition's stunning covers and therein lies a tale! Recently I ran into Frank, it may have been last Tuesday, at the Forbidden Planet comics shop in Manhattan. Despite his enormous success Frank hasn't changed much personally. He's still as enthusiastic and concerned about his work as ever. In fact, Frank revealed that he had completed two different covers for this Special Edition. Unhappy with the results he discarded them and started over from scratch! He also had many ideas on how best to prepare this Special Edition. From suggesting the type of paper on which to *print* to offering unpublished pin-ups (which unfortunately couldn't be located before press time, but will be coming your way some time in the future), Frank was incredibly helpful. We hope you enjoy the results!

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While attending a demonstration in radiology, student PETER PARKER was bitten by a spider which had accidentally been exposed to RADIOACTIVE RAYS. Through a miracle of science, Peter soon found that he had GAINED the arachnid's powers...and had, in effect, become a human spider...

STAN LEE PRESENTS: THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN!

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THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN IS BLIND!
THE BLIND LEADING THE BLIND
RENDERED SIGHTLESS BY THE MASKED MARAUDER, ACCUSED OF COMPLICITY AND HUNTED BY THE POLICE--
D-DARE-DEVIL, WHERE--?
OVER HERE, WALLCRAWLER! CAN YOU SWING ACROSS THE STREET?
--SPIDEY FLED INTO THE NIGHT WHERE, COWERING IN DARKNESS, HE WAS DISCOVERED BY THE ONE MAN WHO CAN TRULY UNDERSTAND HIS ANGUISH--ONE WHO IS BLIND, THOUGH FEW INDEED KNOW IT--THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR...
DAREDEVIL

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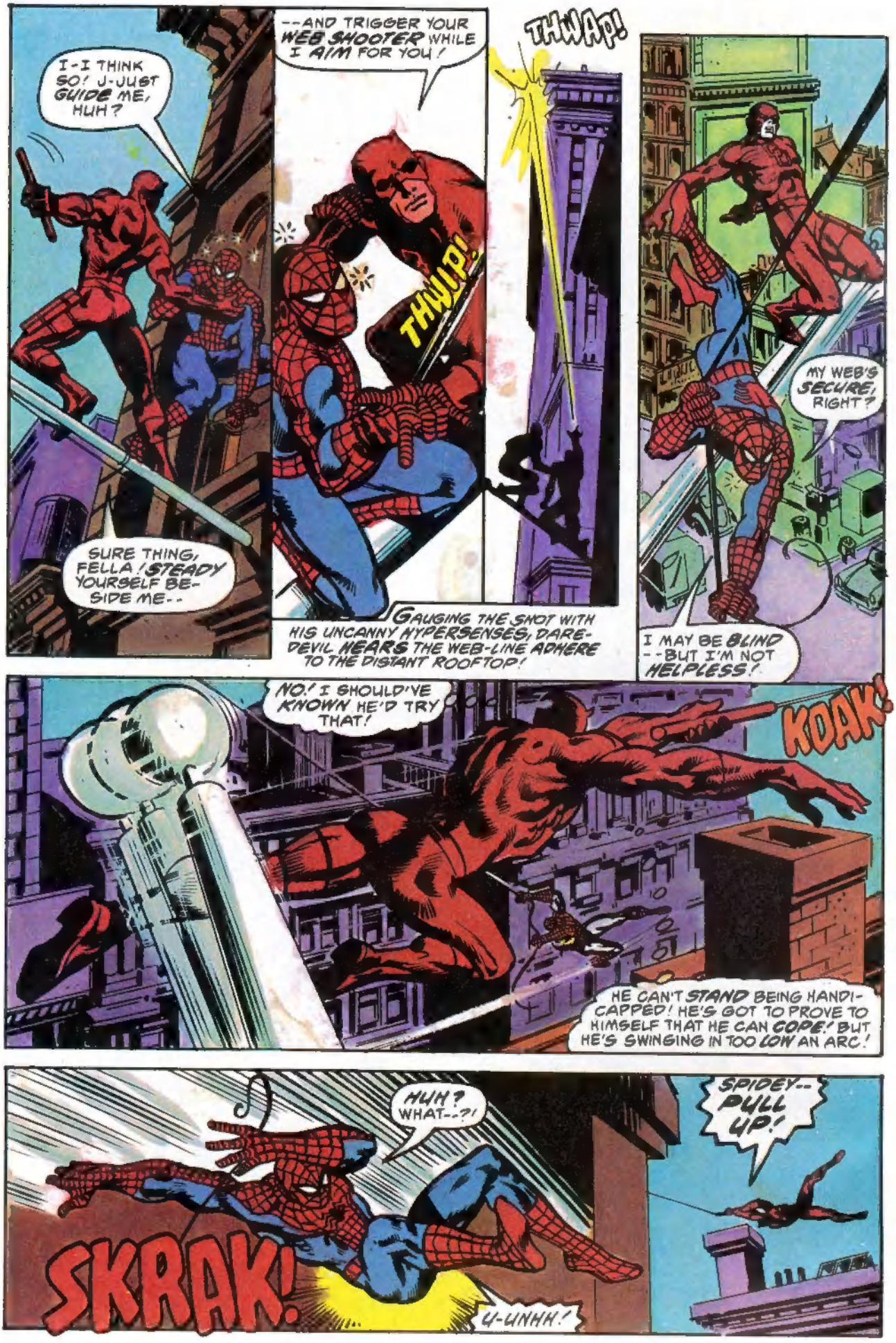
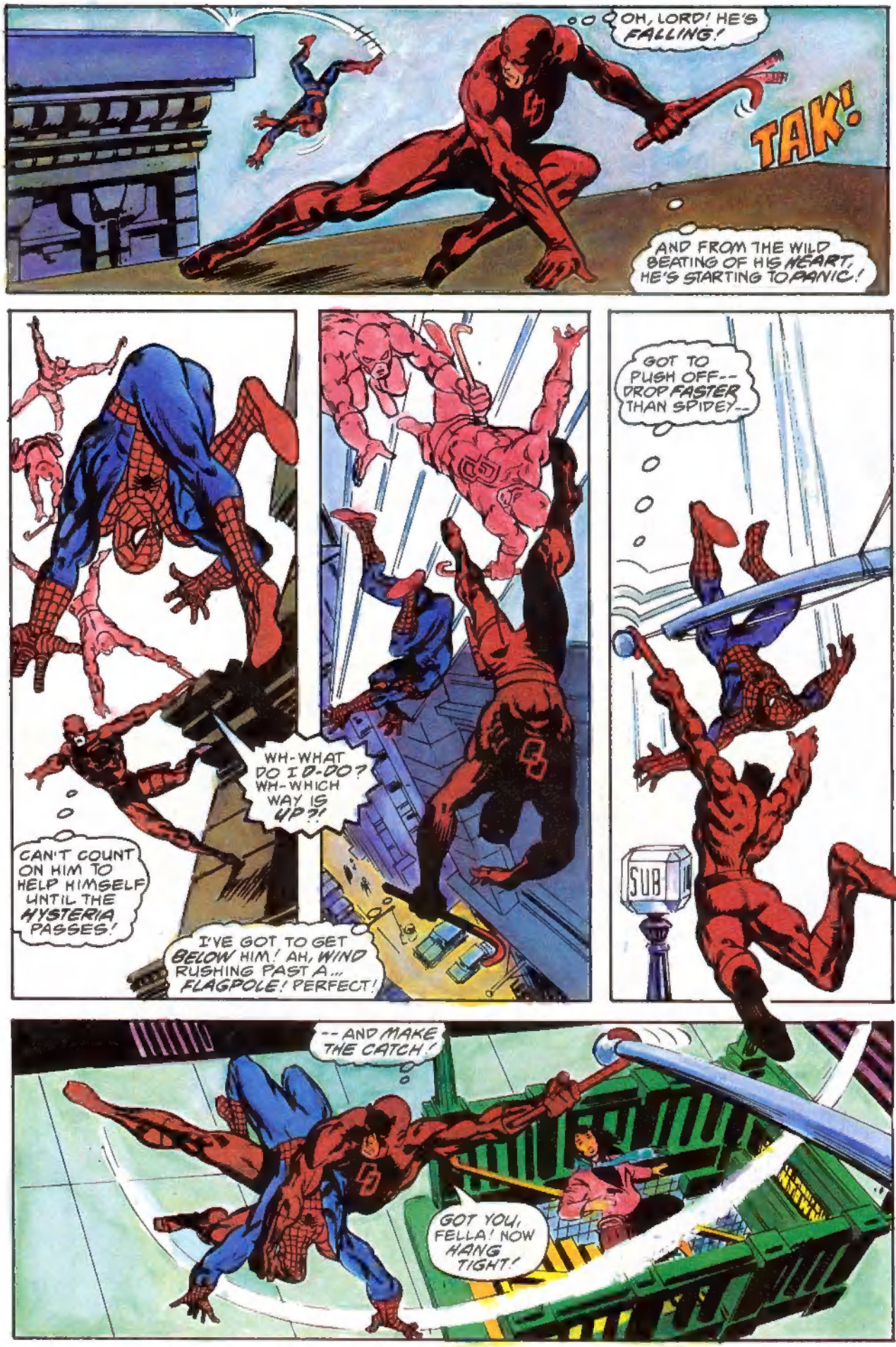
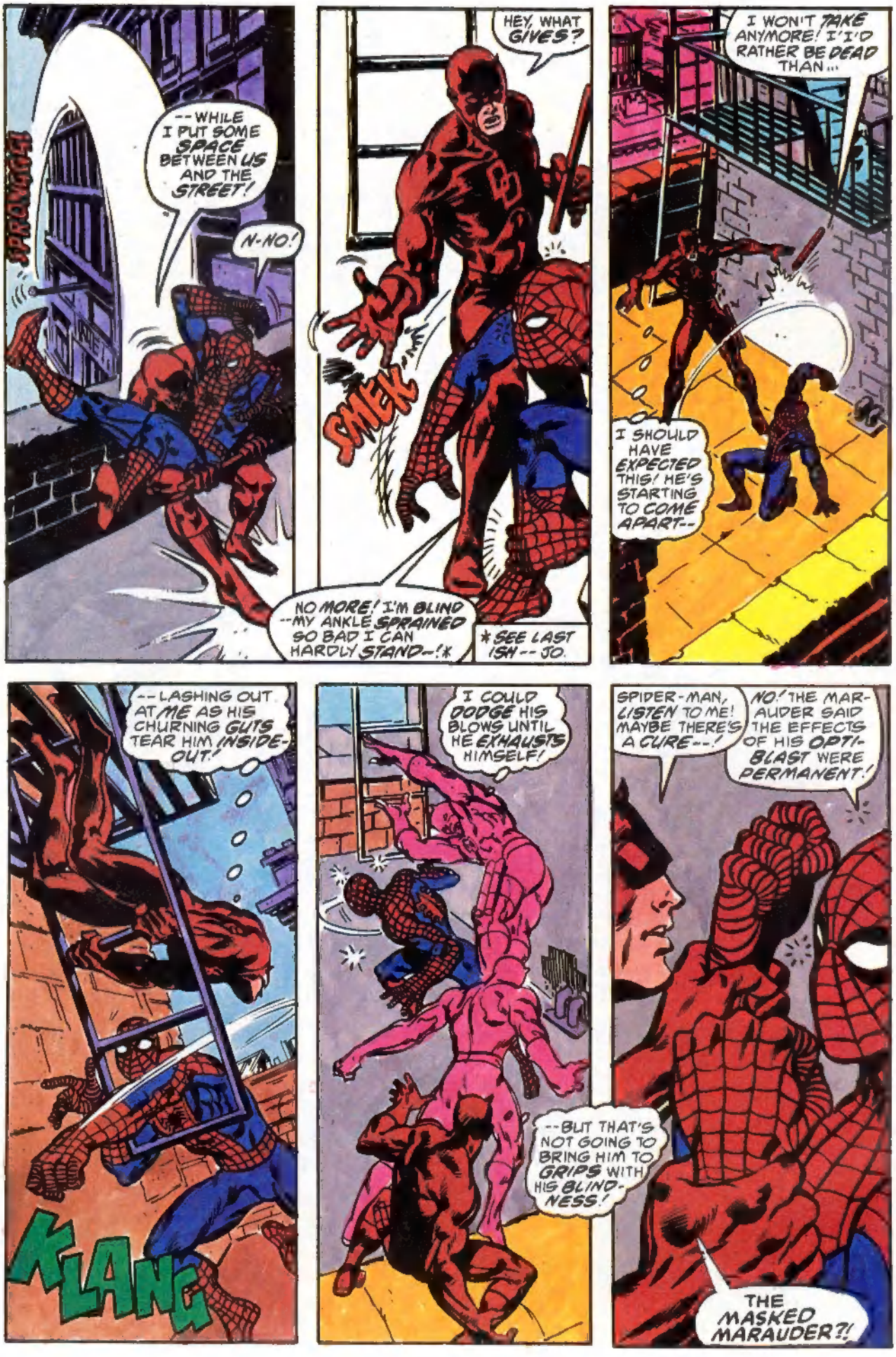
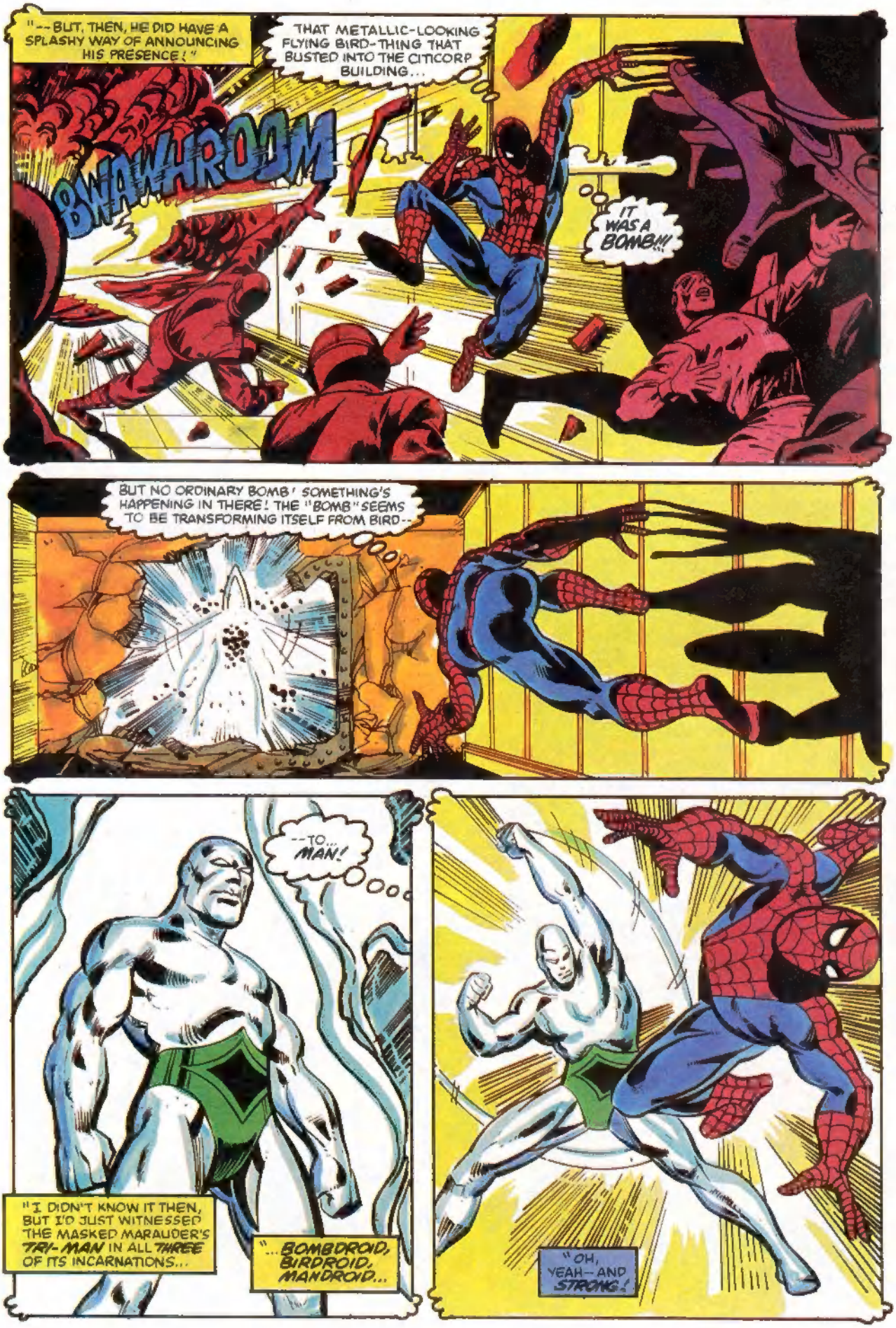

I-I THINK SO! J-JUST GUIDE ME, HUH?
SURE THING, FELLA! STEADY YOURSELF BESIDE ME--
--AND TRIGGER YOUR WEB SHOOTER WHILE I AIM FOR YOU!
THWIP!
THWAP!
GAUGING THE SHOT WITH HIS UNCANNY HYPERSENSES, DAREDEVIL NEARS THE WEB-LINE ADHERE TO THE DISTANT ROOFTOP!
MY WEB'S SECURE, RIGHT?
I MAY BE BLIND --BUT I'M NOT HELPLESS!
NO! I SHOULD'VE KNOWN HE'D TRY THAT!
KOAK!
HE CAN'T STAND BEING HANDICAPPED! HE'S GOT TO PROVE TO HIMSELF THAT HE CAN COPE! BUT HE'S SWINGING IN TOO LOW AN ARC!
HUH? WHAT--?!
SKRAK!
U-UNHH!
SPIDEY-- PULL UP!


OH, LORD! HE'S FALLING!
TAK!
AND FROM THE WILD BEATING OF HIS HEART, HE'S STARTING TO PANIC!
CAN'T COUNT ON HIM TO HELP HIMSELF UNTIL THE HYSTERIA PASSES!
WH-WHAT DO I D-DO? WH-WHICH WAY IS UP?!
I'VE GOT TO GET BELOW HIM! AH, WIND RUSHING PAST A... FLAGPOLE! PERFECT!
GOT TO PUSH OFF-- DROP FASTER THAN SPIDEY--
SUB
-- AND MAKE THE CATCH!
GOT YOU, FELLA! NOW HANG TIGHT!


SPROING!!
--WHILE I PUT SOME SPACE BETWEEN US AND THE STREET!
N-NO!
HEY, WHAT GIVES?
SMACK!!!
NO MORE! I'M BLIND --MY ANKLE SPRAINED SO BAD I CAN HARDLY STAND--!*
*SEE LAST ISH -- JO.
I WON'T TAKE ANYMORE! I'D RATHER BE DEAD THAN...
I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED THIS! HE'S STARTING TO COME APART--
--LASHING OUT AT ME AS HIS CHURNING GUTS TEAR HIM INSIDE-OUT!
KLANG
I COULD DODGE HIS BLOWS UNTIL HE EXHAUSTS HIMSELF!
--BUT THAT'S NOT GOING TO BRING HIM TO GRIPS WITH HIS BLINDNESS!
SPIDER-MAN, LISTEN TO ME! MAYBE THERE'S A CURE--!
NO! THE MARAUDER SAID THE EFFECTS OF HIS OPTI-BLAST WERE PERMANENT!
THE MASKED MARAUDER?!

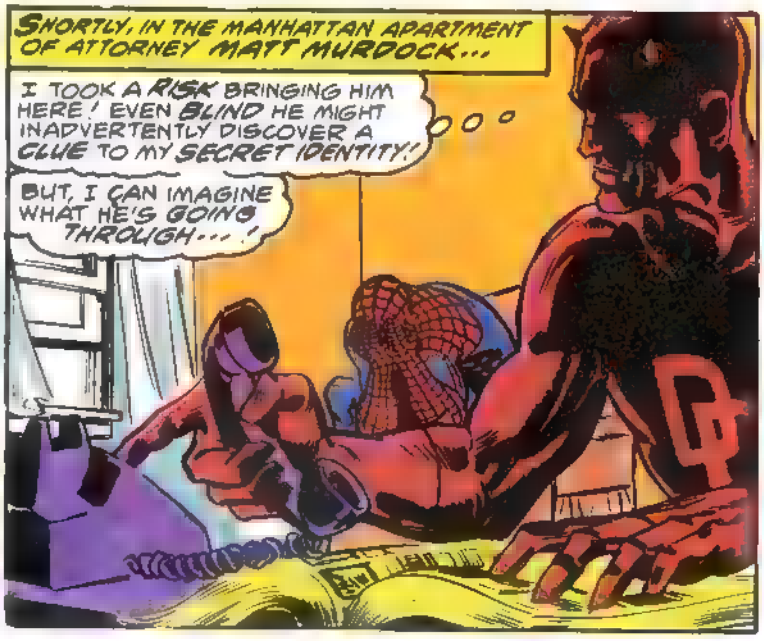
THE MARAUDER IS ONE OF MY OLDEST ENEMIES!
YEAH? WELL, HE'S ADDED HIMSELF TO MY ROGUE'S GALLERY NOW!
"THE FIRST ANYONE KNEW THAT THE MARAUDER WAS BACK WAS WHEN HIS ANDROID TRY-MAN HIJACKED A TRUCKLOAD OF NUCLEAR FUEL!
DANGER
"HIS NEXT APPEARANCE WAS IN MID-MANHATTAN...
EITHER SOMEBODY NEEDS ONE HECKUVA MUFFLER JOB--
--OR THEY'VE MOVED CAPE CANAVERAL TO MANHATTAN!
SOMEHOW I DON'T THINK EITHER IS THE CASE!
VRROARRRR
AND IT LOOKS LIKE I'M RIGHT!
COSTUMED GUNSELS POURING FROM THAT TRUCK--FOLLOWING A BIRD-SHAPED BUZZ-BOMB INTO THE CITICORP BUILDING!
SPIDER-MAN! NOW WE'RE IN FOR IT!
VROOSH
KROOM
THEN WHY DON'T YOU JUST POINT OUT YOUR LEADER, CHUCKLES?
I ALWAYS DID PREFER QUALITY TO QUANTITY!
"IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE I DID FIND THE GANG'S LEADER--"


"--BUT, THEN, HE DID HAVE A SPLASHY WAY OF ANNOUNCING HIS PRESENCE!"
THAT METALLIC-LOOKING FLYING BIRD-THING THAT BUSTED INTO THE CITICORP BUILDING...
BWAWHROOM
IT WAS A BOMB!!!
BUT NO ORDINARY BOMB! SOMETHING'S HAPPENING IN THERE! THE "BOMB" SEEMS TO BE TRANSFORMING ITSELF FROM BIRD--
--TO... MAN!
"I DIDN'T KNOW IT THEN, BUT I'D JUST WITNESSED THE MASKED MARAUDER'S TRI-MAN IN ALL THREE OF ITS INCARNATIONS...
"...BOMBDROID, BIRDROID, MANDROID...
"OH, YEAH--AND STRONG!

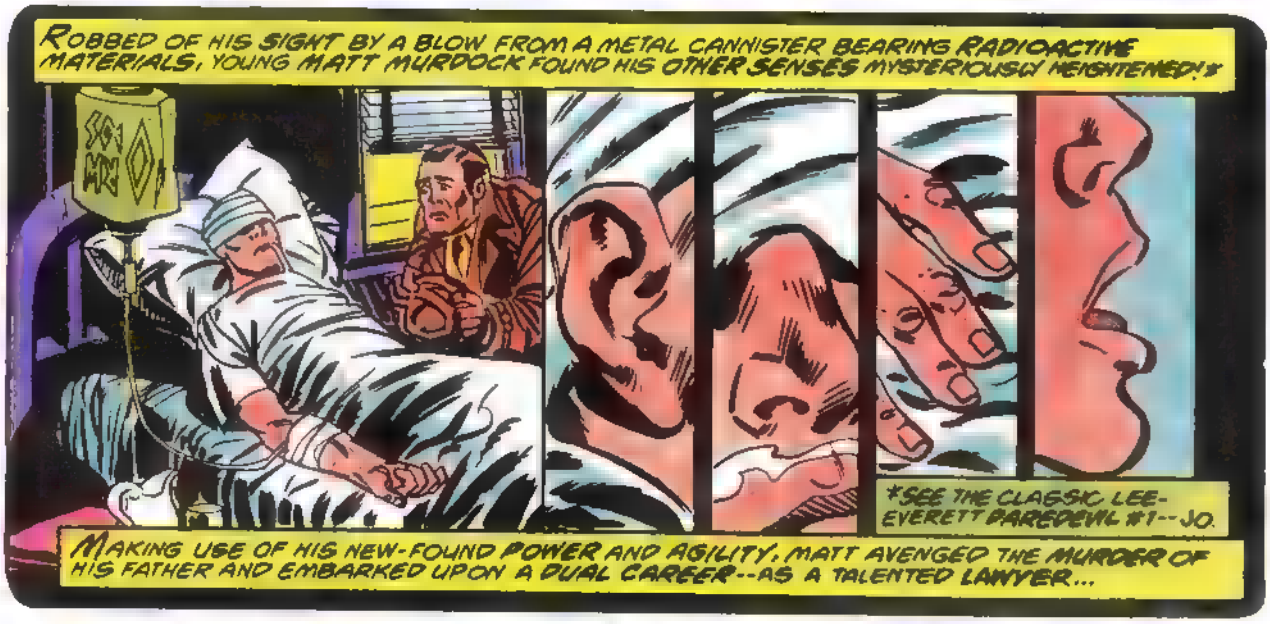
"STILL, GIVEN TIME I MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAUL THE MANDROID--IF ITS MAKER HADN'T SUDDENLY ARRIVED!
HEY, BALDY--MIND IF I ASK A PERSONAL QUESTION...LIKE WHO PULLS YOUR STRINGS?!
MY TRI-MAN CANNOT REPLY, SPIDER-MAN--BUT PERHAPS I CAN PROVIDE THE ANSWER YOU SEEK!
HOLY SMOKES! YOU'RE...
THE MASKED MARAUDER, YOU MISBEGOTTEN MISCREANT!
AND I NEED ONLY MY RE-CREATED TRI-MAN AND MY ALL-POWERFUL OPTI-BLASTS TO MAINTAIN MY POSITION AS BIG M, LEADER OF THE MAGGIA--
--AND TO SNUFF OUT, ONCE AND FOR ALL, A SNIVELLING NUISANCE SUCH AS YOU HAVE BECOME!
TH-THAT BLAST--HITTING MY EYES! I-I CAN'T SEE! I'M BLIND!!!

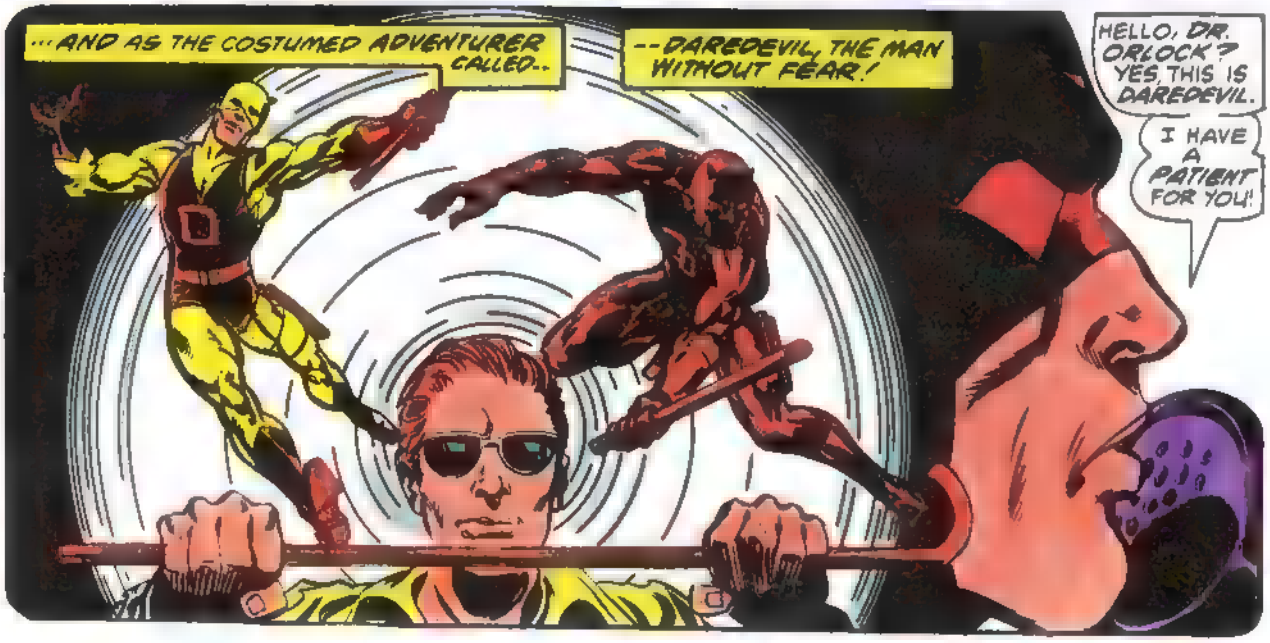
BLIND? JUST LIKE ME!
THE MARAUDER LET HIS MANDROID HAVE A FIELD DAY WITH ME THEN!
" AND, UNABLE TO SEE, THERE WASN'T A WHOLE LOT I COULD DO ABOUT IT!
" THEY MIGHT HAVE FINISHED ME THEN AND THERE, IF NOT FOR THE SUDDEN ARRIVAL OF...
THE POLICE! MARAUDER, YOU'VE TAKEN TOO LONG! THE COPS ARE HERE!
THEN TAKE WHAT CURRENCY YOU CAN! MY TRI-MAN WILL ENSURE OUR ESCAPE!
AS FOR SPIDER-MAN, I THINK IT CAN SAFELY BE SAID THAT HE WILL NEVER BOTHER US AGAIN!
" SO THE MARAUDER GOT AWAY...
FOR THE LUVVA MIKE--LOOK OUT!
VROARRR
"... AND I STAGGERED OUT OF THERE...
"... GOING FORTH BLIND INTO THE NIGHT!"

AND NOW YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME LOCATE THE MASKED MARAUDER BEFORE WHATEVER HIS PLAN IS CAN BE PUT INTO EFFECT!
WHUMPH!
ARE YOU CRAZY, D.D.?!! DIDN'T YOU HEAR WHAT I TOLD YOU?! I'M BLIND -- HELPLESS -- OF NO USE TO ANYONE!!
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN IS FINISHED!!
LORD, I'D FORGOTTEN HOW STRONG HE IS!
SRAKOW!
--THE CRACK-UP!
I CAN HEAR HIS HEART RACING!
HERE IT COMES--
I'M NO GOOD TO ANYONE-- NOW--NOT TO MYSELF NOT TO ANYONE!
I'M A JOKE! A SICK, PITIFUL-- PATHETIC--
--JOKE..
IT'S OVER--BUT FOR HOW LONG? I CAN'T HANDLE HIM ALONE!
I'VE GOT TO GET HELP!
SPIDEY-- I'VE GOT AN IDEA! COME WITH ME, HUH?
SURE -- WHY NOT? WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?


SHORTLY, IN THE MANHATTAN APARTMENT OF ATTORNEY MATT MURDOCK...
I TOOK A RISK BRINGING HIM HERE! EVEN BLIND HE MIGHT INADVERTENTLY DISCOVER A CLUE TO MY SECRET IDENTITY!
BUT, I CAN IMAGINE WHAT HE'S GOING THROUGH...!

AS DAREDEVIL'S HYPERSENSITIVE FINGERTIPS "READ" THE YELLOW PAGES, HIS MIND RACES BACK...
LOOK OUT!
SKREECH!
...TO THAT DAY MANY YEARS AGO--THE DAY OF THE ACCIDENT!


ROBBED OF HIS SIGHT BY A BLOW FROM A METAL CANNISTER BEARING RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS, YOUNG MATT MURDOCK FOUND HIS OTHER SENSES MYSTERIOUSLY HEIGHTENED!*
*SEE THE CLASSIC LEE-EVERETT DAREDEVIL #1--JO.
MAKING USE OF HIS NEW-FOUND POWER AND AGILITY, MATT AVENGED THE MURDER OF HIS FATHER AND EMBARKED UPON A DUAL CAREER--AS A TALENTED LAWYER...


...AND AS THE COSTUMED ADVENTURER CALLED..
--DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!
HELLO, DR. ORLOCK? YES, THIS IS DAREDEVIL.
I HAVE A PATIENT FOR YOU!

SECONDS LATER, IN THE PARK AVENUE OFFICES OF DR. HENRY ORLOCK, OPTHAMOLOGIST...
NURSE, CANCEL MY AFTERNOON APPOINTMENTS--
--WE'RE EXPECTING A VERY UNUSUAL PATIENT!
AND DR. ORLOCK SITS DOWN... TO WAIT!
WHILE...
ORLOCK'S GOOD MAN A--ER--FRIEND OF MINE RECOMMENDED!
IF ANYONE CAN FIND A CURE--HE CAN!
SPIDER-MAN CAN ONLY NOD HELPLESSLY!
WHILE ON THE STOOP OF PETER PARKER'S CHELSEA APARTMENT...
MARY JANE, I'M ALMOST GLAD PETER WASN'T HOME, AND WE HAD THIS CHANCE TO TALK!*
ME, TOO, BETTY! I'M SORRY I MADE THAT CRACK ABOUT PETEY ASKING ME TO MARRY HIM!
HE DID--AND I TURNED HIM DOWN... NOT BECAUSE I DIDN'T LOVE HIM--BUT BECAUSE I'M NOT READY FOR MARRIAGE!
*SEE LAST ISSUE--JO.
I WISH I'D HAD THAT KIND OF MATURITY WHEN NED ASKED ME TO MARRY HIM--INSTEAD OF JUMPING AT THE SECURITY!
WELL, YOU SEEM TO HAVE SURVIVED! LISTEN, JUST BECAUSE WE'RE SEEING THE SAME GUY DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T BE CIVIL TO EACH OTHER!
MORE THAN JUST CIVIL, MJ--WE CAN BE FRIENDS!
SOLID! S'LONG ...FRIEND!

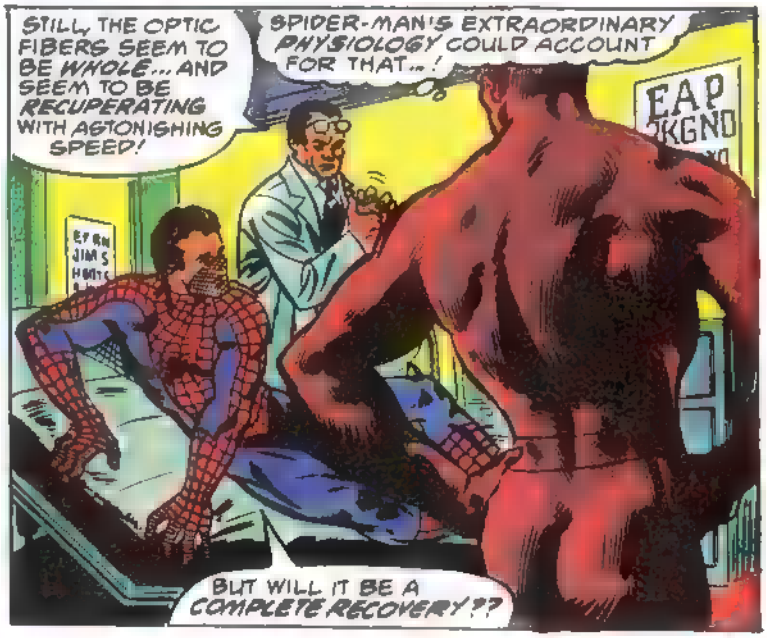
AND, WHEN THE LADIES HAVE LEFT...
SHEESH! IT AIN'T BAD ENOUGH BEIN' PARKER'S LAND-LADY--
--NOW I GOTTA OVERHEAR THE DETAILS OF HIS LOVELIFE!
THUMP!
SKRAK!
CRACK
I DON'T GET IT! I RENT TA WEIRDOS SOMETIMES--
--BUT THEM SOUNDS IS COMIN' FROM PARKER'S APARTMENT--
--AN' ACCORDIN' TA HIS GIRL-FRIENDS, HE AIN'T HOME!
B-BUT HIS DOOR'S OPEN!
TH-THIS ONE A' THEM TIMES I W-WISH MY BARNEY WAS HOME!
O O O
FEARFULLY, MRS MUGGINS PEEKS IN PETER'S DOORWAY.
AND WITNESSES A SCENE OF MINDLESS CARNAGE--
--DESTRUCTION--
...AND... TERROR
THE DEAD WALK PARKER
EEEEEEEEEEEEEE
TRADEMARKS ALL THE MALEVOLENT... CARRION!
SOON, O PARKER, YOU MUST RETURN--
AND I WILL BE WAITING!
O O O
AND TREAD-ING THIN AIR, THE CADAVEROUS VILLAIN DEPARTS!

MANY HOURS LATER...
■ DON'T UNDERSTAND! THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE BY NOW!
DOCTOR ORLOCK-- THEY ARE HERE!

SORRY IT TOOK US SO LONG, SIR! I THOUGHT IT ■ TO WAIT 'TIL AFTER NIGHTFALL!
DAREDEVIL -- HELPING SPIDER-MAN?! B-BUT... THAT CITICORP ROBBERY! THE POLICE!
--ARE OFTEN MIS-TAKEN NURSE WILLS--

--AND ■ WILL RESPECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF OUR... PATIENT!
THANKS, DOC! AS I EXPLAINED ON THE PHONE...
IT'S ALRIGHT, DD! LET ME TELL HIM!
I WAS HIT BY SOMETHING CALLED AN OPTI-BLAST, DOC-- A RAY USED TO PARALYZE THE OPTIC NERVE.

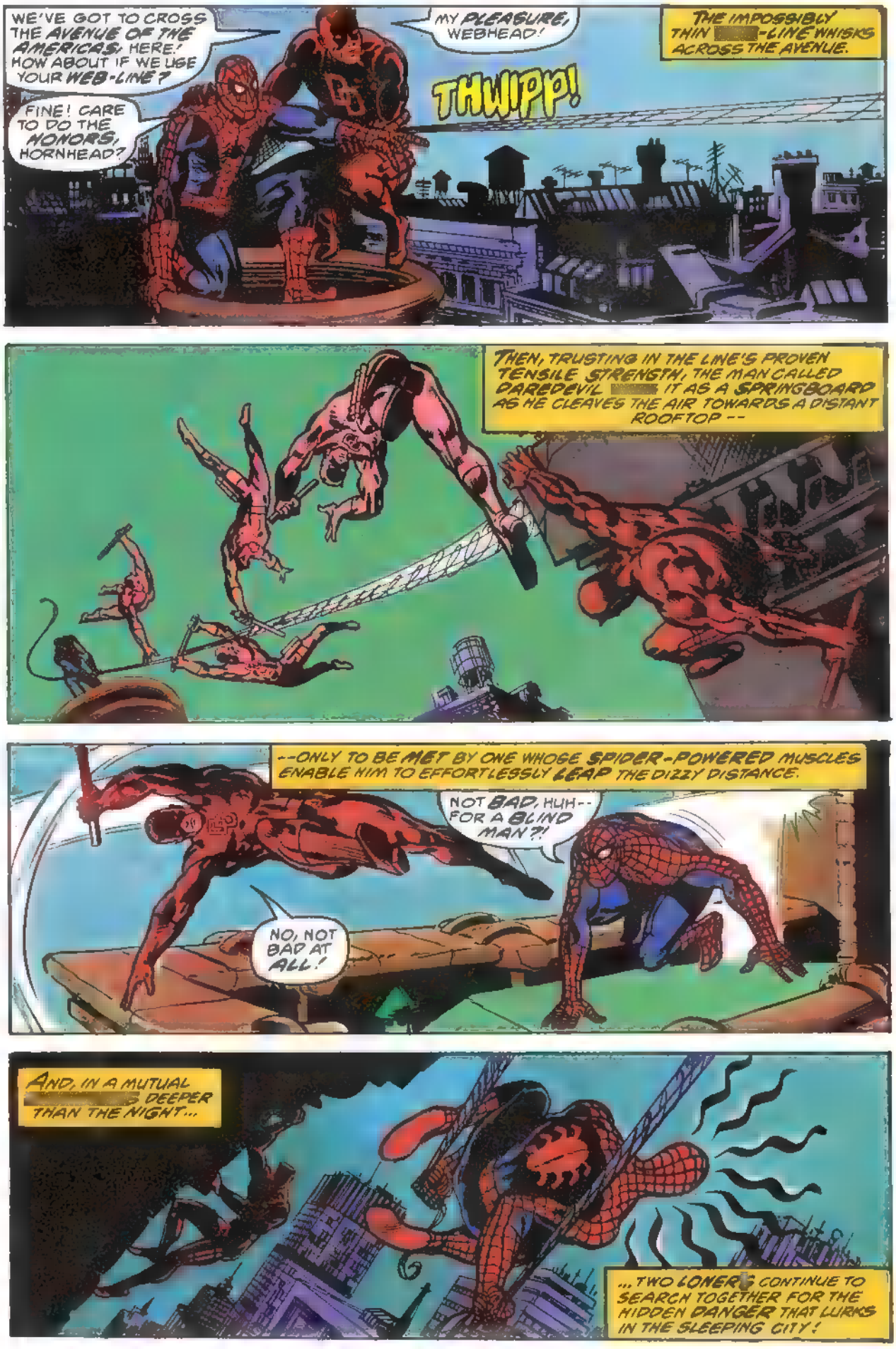
I--I NEED TO KNOW... ■ THE PARALYSIS TEMPORARY-- OR WILL I BE BLIND FOREVER?!
YOU SOUND AS IF YOU'VE HAD SCIENTIFIC TRAINING, MY BOY! IF SO, YOU ARE AWARE OF THE RISKS THAT SUCH ■ SEVERE NEURO-SHOCK ENTAILS!


STILL, THE OPTIC FIBERS SEEM TO BE WHOLE... AND SEEM TO BE RECUPERATING WITH ASTONISHING SPEED!
SPIDER-MAN'S EXTRAORDINARY PHYSIOLOGY COULD ACCOUNT FOR THAT...!
BUT WILL IT BE A COMPLETE RECOVERY??

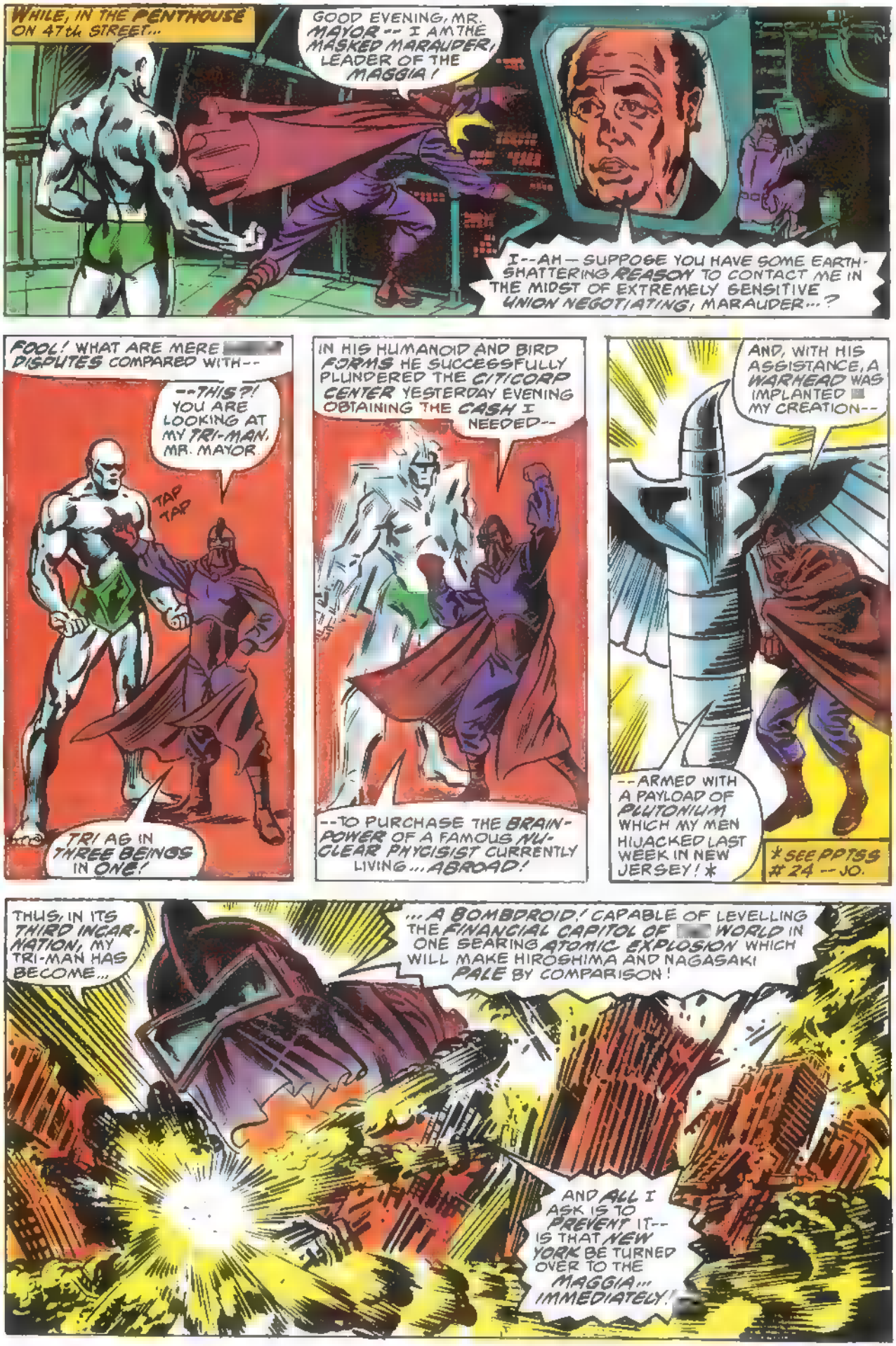
THAT I CAN'T SAY, SPIDER-MAN! [redacted] TIME AND REST...
Y'HEAR THAT, FELLA? YOU'VE GOT A GOOD CHANCE AT...
DAREDEVIL -- YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!
I MAY [redacted] AGAIN— I MAY NOT... AND WHILE I "REST" THE MASKED MARAUDER'S GETTING READY TO STRIKE!
THAT ROBBERY AT THE CITICORP CENTER WAS ONLY PART OF [redacted] PLAN!
OH! BUT I'M NOT DONE WITH YOUR ANKLE.
HANG MY ANKLE! I'VE GOT A SPIDER [redacted] ON THE MARAUDER!
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FIND HIM!
WHRUMP!
A-AND I CAN'T EVEN SEE!
THE MARAUDER'S GOT THE ENTIRE MAGGIA BEHIND HIM! HE WOULDN'T NEED CASH UNLESS HE WAS PLANNING SOMETHING BIG!
SOMETHING TERRIFYING!
AND THERE'S NOT A BLASTED THING I CAN DO TO STOP HIM!
SPIDER-MAN -- TAKE IT EASY! YOU'RE NOT ALONE FELLA -- WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER!
TRUST ME, MAN, TRUST ME!
KRAM!
DAREDEVIL--??
SECONDS LATER, WHEN SPIDER-MAN HAS REGAINED CONTROL OF HIMSELF...
DAREDEVIL, IF HE SHOULD [redacted] AGAIN--?
HE UNDERSTANDS HIS SITUATION, DOC! HE'S BEEN THROUGH A LOT TONIGHT -- BUT I THINK HE'S ALRIGHT NOW!
I HOPE SO!
DAREDEVIL -- WHICH WAY TO THE ROOF?

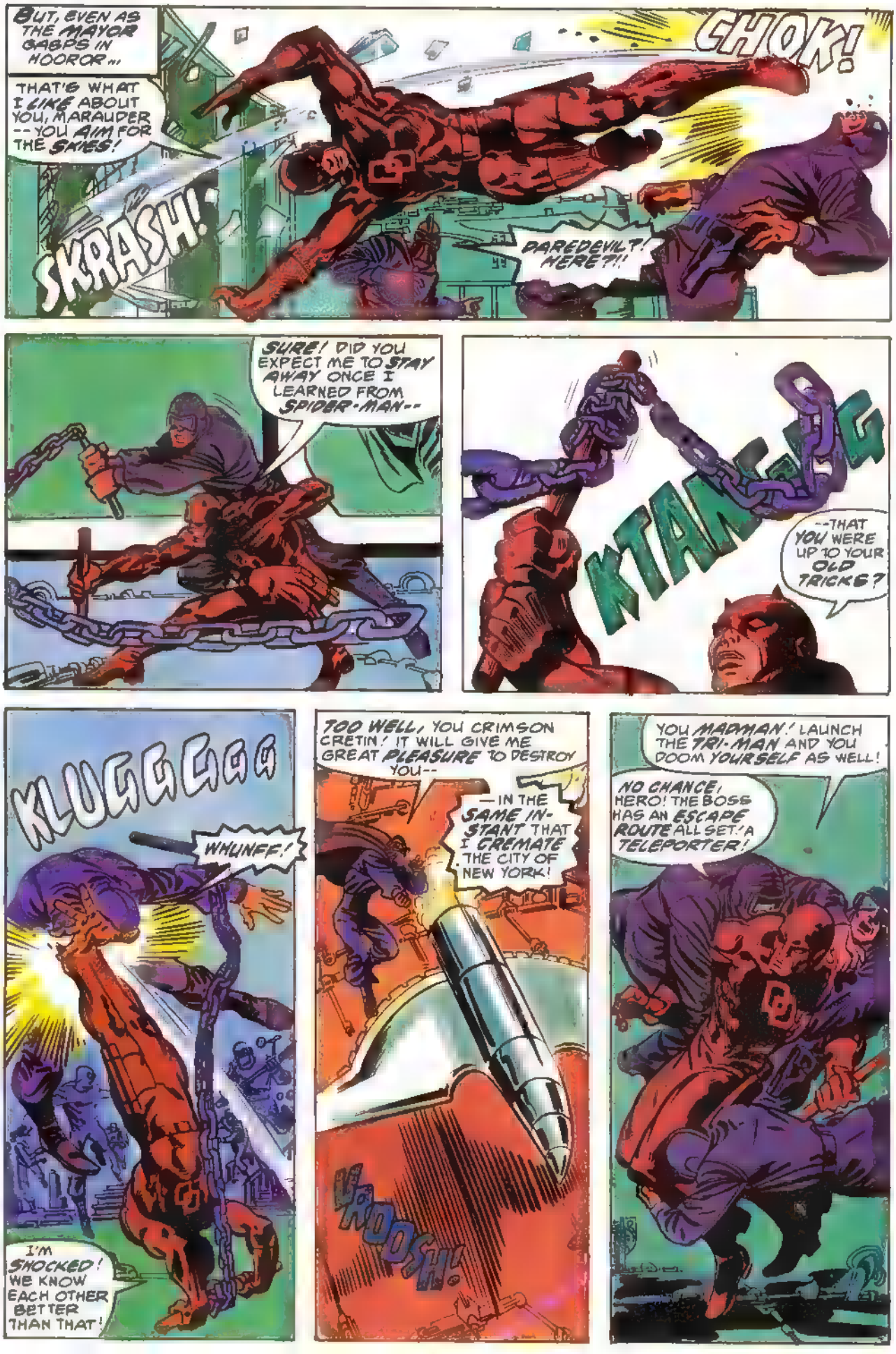
MOMENTS LATER, HIGH ABOVE PARK AVENUE...
I'VE GOT TO TREAD CAREFULLY NOW! IF I APPEAR AT ALL CONDESCENDING IT COULD TRIGGER ANOTHER OUTBURST!
AND, ON THE TRAIL OF A VILLAIN AS COLD-BLOODED AS THE MASKED MARAUDER, THAT COULD VERY WELL PROVE FATAL!
WELL, WHAT NOW, WEBHEAD? YOU'RE CALLING THE SHOTS!
ALL RIGHT--MY SPIDER-TRACER EMITS A [redacted] SIGNAL! I MANAGED TO ATTACH ONE TO THE MARAUDER'S CAPE!
AND NOW DO WE HOME IN ON ITS SIGNAL?
I'VE GOT CERTAIN... SENSES... BEYOND THE ORDINARY WHICH CAN DETECT THE TRACER'S BEAM!
[redacted] THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I WANT YOU TO KNOW--IN CASE ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ME!
I--I HID MY FACE FROM YOU IN THE DOC'S OFFICE! BUT NOW--!
SPIDER-MAN REACHES FOR HIS MASK... THEN HESITATES!
I--I CAN'T DO IT!
I-IF I... IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ME, THE NEWSPAPERS WILL IDENTIFY ME!
THWIP
THWIT THWIT
LET'S JUST GO, HUH?
WHOA! HOLD UP, WALL-CRAWLER!
YOU'RE GETTING MORBID AGAIN! SNAP OUT OF IT--
--OR YOU'RE LIABLE TO GET US BOTH KILLED!
THE MARAUDER'D HAVE A HECKUVA LAUGH IF YOU DIED WALKING OFF A ROOF!
HESITANTLY, SPIDER-MAN ACCEPTS DAREDEVIL'S ADVICE...

... [redacted] MENTION OF THE MASKED MARAUDER REMINDS HIM THAT THERE IS [redacted] MORE THAN JUST HIS OWN LIFE AT STAKE!
HURRY, YOU MINDLESS MAGGOTS! [redacted] MUST BE READY BY THE MOMENT OF TRANSMISSION!
IF YOU HADN'T CREATED THE TRI-MAN OUT OF A NEARLY IMPENE-TRABLE ALLOY...!
STILL, WE'RE ALMOST DONE!
EXCELLENT. WITH HIS DEADLY PAYLOAD SEALED IN HIS ANDROID BODY--
--MY TRI-MAN HAS BECOME THE PERFECT WEAPON WITH WHICH TO BLACKMAIL THE GOOD CITY FATHERS OF NEW YORK!
READY THE TRANS-MITTER FOR MY HISTORY-MAKING BROAD-CAST!
WHILE, UNSEEN, A SPIDER-TRACER--
--EMITS A SUB-SONIC SIGNAL DETECTED BY ITS CREATOR... THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN!
PICKING UP ANYTHING YET!
NOT YE--! WAIT!!
YES! IN THIS DIRECTION! WHERE--?
WE'RE HEADING TOWARDS MIDTOWN--NEAR SIXTH AVENUE!
CAN'T LET ON THAT MY RADAR SENSES HAVE ALSO PICKED UP ON HIS TRACER! MUSN'T UNDER-MINE HIS RE-VIVING CON-FIDENCE!
IT'S STRONGER THIS WAY, DD!


WE'VE GOT TO CROSS THE AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, HERE! HOW ABOUT IF WE USE YOUR WEB-LINE?
MY PLEASURE, WEBHEAD!
THE IMPOSSIBLY THIN [redacted]-LINE WHISKS ACROSS THE AVENUE.
THWIPP!
FINE! CARE TO DO THE HONORS, HORNHEAD?
THEN, TRUSTING IN THE LINE'S PROVEN TENSILE STRENGTH, THE MAN CALLED DAREDEVIL [redacted] IT AS A SPRINGBOARD AS HE CLEAVES THE AIR TOWARDS A DISTANT ROOFTOP --
--ONLY TO BE MET BY ONE WHOSE SPIDER-POWERED MUSCLES ENABLE HIM TO EFFORTLESSLY LEAP THE DIZZY DISTANCE.
NOT BAD, HUH-- FOR A BLIND MAN?!
NO, NOT BAD AT ALL!
AND, IN A MUTUAL [redacted] DEEPER THAN THE NIGHT...
...TWO LONERS CONTINUE TO SEARCH TOGETHER FOR THE HIDDEN DANGER THAT LURKS IN THE SLEEPING CITY!

SOON...
WE'RE CLOSE, HORNHEAD --REAL CLOSE!
SWEEPING THE SKY-LINE WITH HIS UNCANNY RADAR SENSE...
...THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR IS INUNDATED WITH LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF BROADCAST SIGNALS!
GOT TO [redacted] MY FOCUS! SPIDER-MAN'S ATTUNED TO THE TRACER [redacted] BECAUSE OF HIS [redacted]-SENSE--
--BUT I'VE GOT TO SORT IT OUT FROM AMONGST ALL THE REST!
THERE! A SKYSCRAPER --WITH POWER ONLY ON UPPER FLOORS-- CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT SCATTERED AROUND THE SIDEWALK BELOW!
THAT'S THE ONE-- THAT UNFINISHED BUILDING ON 47th STREET! THE PENTHOUSE FLOORS ARE FILLED WITH MEN AND MACHINES!
AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT, IT'S GOT TO [redacted] THE MARAUDER AND HIS [redacted] GOONS!
OKAY, MY JOB'S DONE! GO GET 'EM, DD!
I WOULDN'T BE MUCH USE IN A FIGHT!
DROP THE [redacted]-SISTER ROUTINE, FELLA!
I'VE SAID THIS [redacted] I'LL SAY IT AGAIN!
H-HEY--?!
KO!K
WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER!
I ONLY HOPE WE COME OUT OF IT THAT WAY!


WHILE, IN THE PENTHOUSE ON 47th STREET...
GOOD EVENING, MR. MAYOR -- I AM THE MASKED MARAUDER, LEADER OF THE MAGGIA!
I--AM -- SUPPOSE YOU HAVE SOME EARTH-SHATTERING REASON TO CONTACT ME IN THE MIDST OF EXTREMELY SENSITIVE UNION NEGOTIATING, MARAUDER...?
FOOL! WHAT ARE MERE [redacted] DISPUTES COMPARED WITH--
--THIS?! YOU ARE LOOKING AT MY TRI-MAN, MR. MAYOR.
TAP TAP
TRI AG IN THREE BEINGS IN ONE!
IN HIS HUMANOID AND BIRD FORMS HE SUCCESSFULLY PLUNDERED THE CITICORP CENTER YESTERDAY EVENING OBTAINING THE CASH I NEEDED--
--TO PURCHASE THE BRAIN-POWER OF A FAMOUS NUCLEAR PHYCISIST CURRENTLY LIVING ... ABROAD!
AND, WITH HIS ASSISTANCE, A WARHEAD WAS IMPLANTED [redacted] MY CREATION--
--ARMED WITH A PAYLOAD OF PLUTONIUM WHICH MY MEN HIJACKED LAST WEEK IN NEW JERSEY! *
* SEE PPTSS # 24 -- JO.
THUS, IN ITS THIRD INCARNATION, MY TRI-MAN HAS BECOME...
... A BOMBDROID! CAPABLE OF LEVELLING THE FINANCIAL CAPITOL OF [redacted] WORLD IN ONE SEARING ATOMIC EXPLOSION WHICH WILL MAKE HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI PALE BY COMPARISON!
AND ALL I ASK IS TO PREVENT IT-- IS THAT NEW YORK BE TURNED OVER TO THE MAGGIA... IMMEDIATELY!


BUT, EVEN AS THE MAYOR GASPS IN HOOROR...
THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU, MARAUDER -- YOU AIM FOR THE SAVES!
CHOK!
SKRASH!
DAREDEVIL?! HERE?!!
SURE! DID YOU EXPECT ME TO STAY AWAY ONCE I LEARNED FROM SPIDER-MAN--
KTAK-G-G
--THAT YOU WERE UP TO YOUR OLD TRICKS?
KLUGGGGG
WHUNFF!
I'M SHOCKED! WE KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER THAN THAT!
TOO WELL, YOU CRIMSON CRETIN! IT WILL GIVE ME GREAT PLEASURE TO DESTROY YOU--
--IN THE SAME IN-STANT THAT I CREMATE THE CITY OF NEW YORK!
VROOSH!
YOU MADMAN! LAUNCH THE TRI-MAN AND YOU DOOM YOURSELF AS WELL!
NO CHANCE, HERO! THE BOSS HAS AN ESCAPE ROUTE ALL SET: A TELEPORTER!

AND HIS PLANS DON'T CALL FOR AN EXTRA PASSENGER!
[illegible] GOD! THE MARAUDER'S JUST INSANE ENOUGH TO PULL THIS OFF!
WROOSH!!
I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM--BUT THE BOMB-[illegible] ALREADY ROCKETING TOWARDS ME!
BUT, IF I CAN'T SHAKE THESE [illegible]OONS IN TIME...?
VROOSHHH!
SPIDER-MAN! ON THE WINDOW OUTSIDE! HE'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!
SPIDER-SENSE TINGLING! SOMETHING'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN! BUT--?
AND HEAVEN HELP US--HE STILL CAN'T SEE!!
KRASH!
OBOY!
HIGH OVER A DOOMED CITY, SPIDER-MAN BEGINS A SLOW SPIRALLING FALL TO HIS DEATH!
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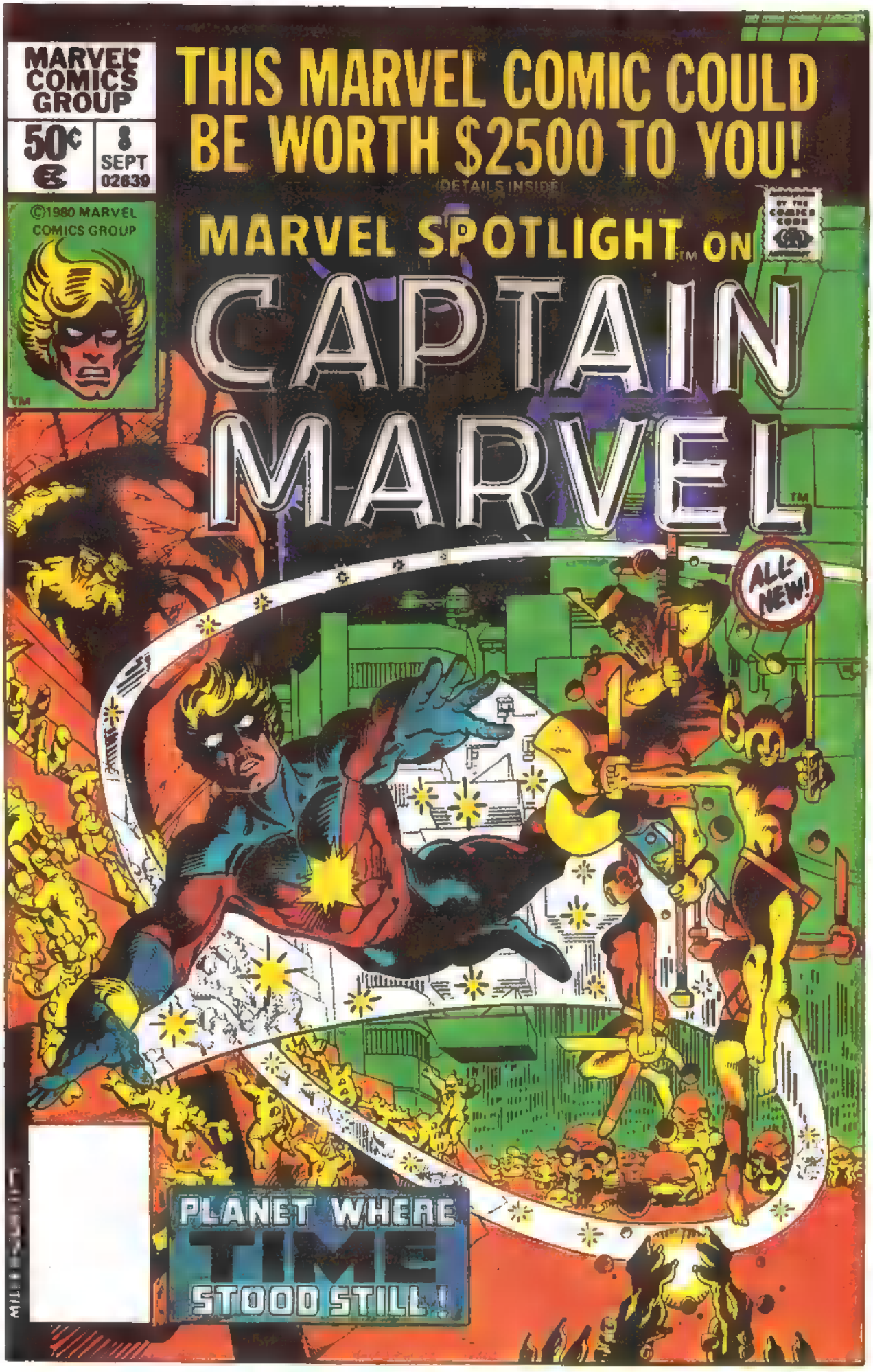
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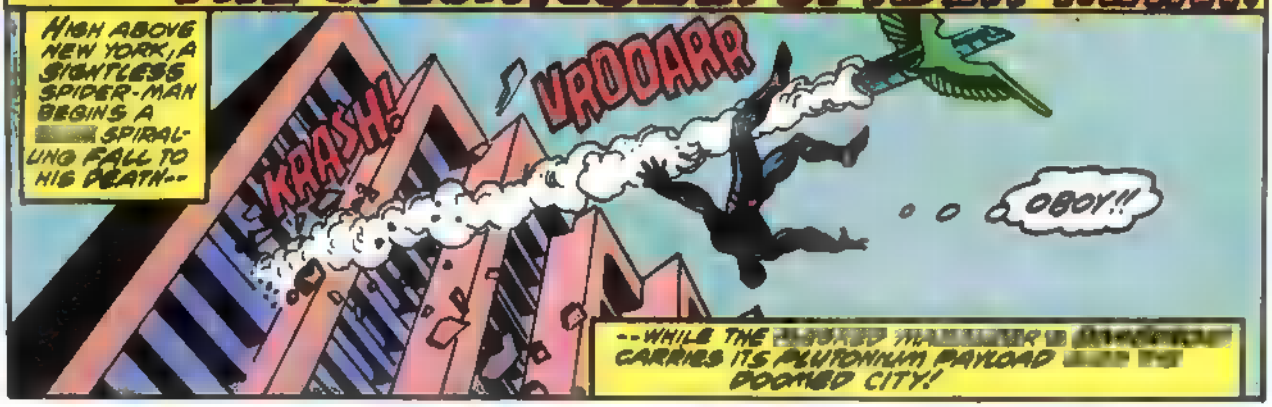
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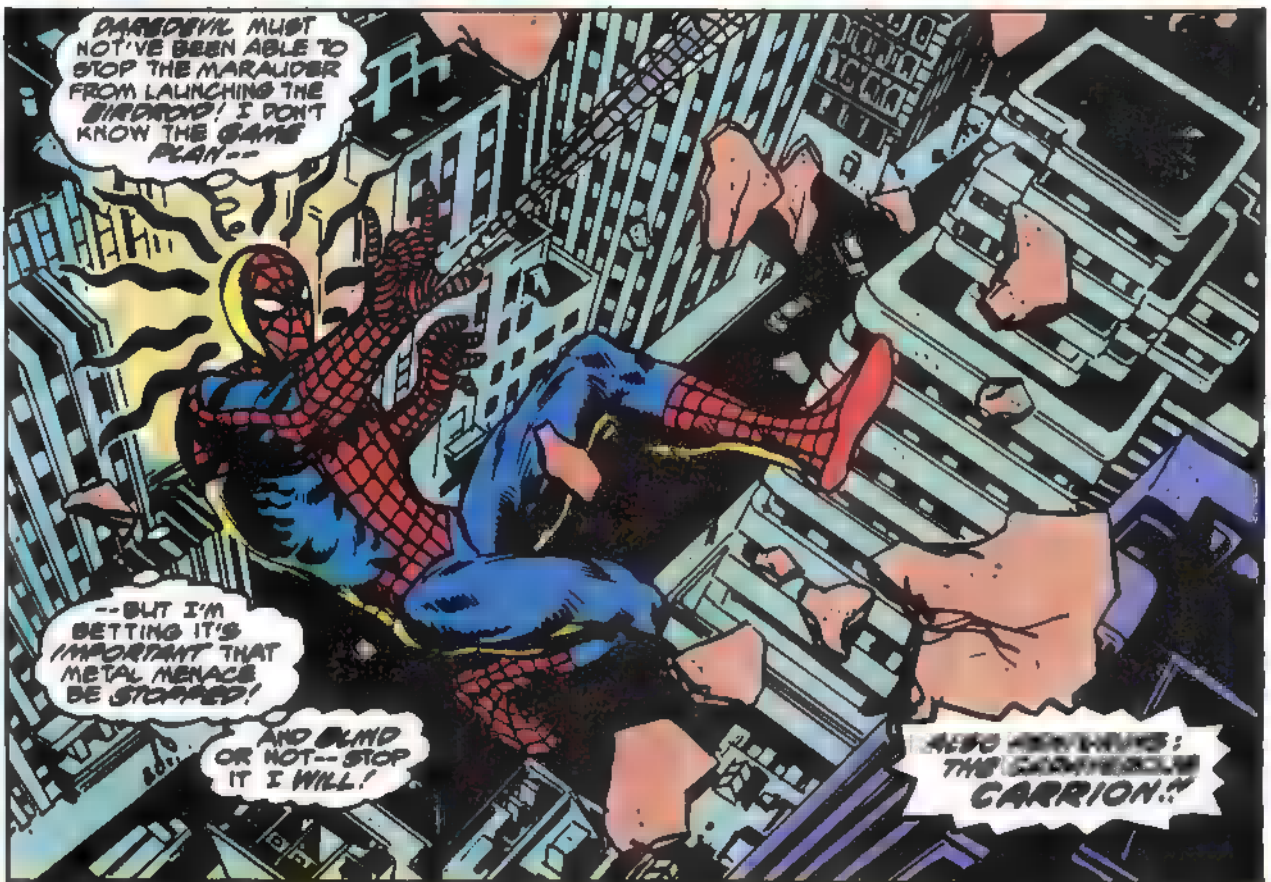
DAREDEVIL MUST NOT'VE BEEN ABLE TO STOP THE MARAUDER FROM LAUNCHING THE BIRDROID! I DON'T KNOW THE GAME PLAN--
--BUT I'M BETTING IT'S IMPORTANT THAT METAL MENACE BE STOPPED!
AND BLIND OR NOT--STOP IT I WILL!
ALSO ARRIVING: THE [redacted] CARRION!!

ASHES to ASHES!

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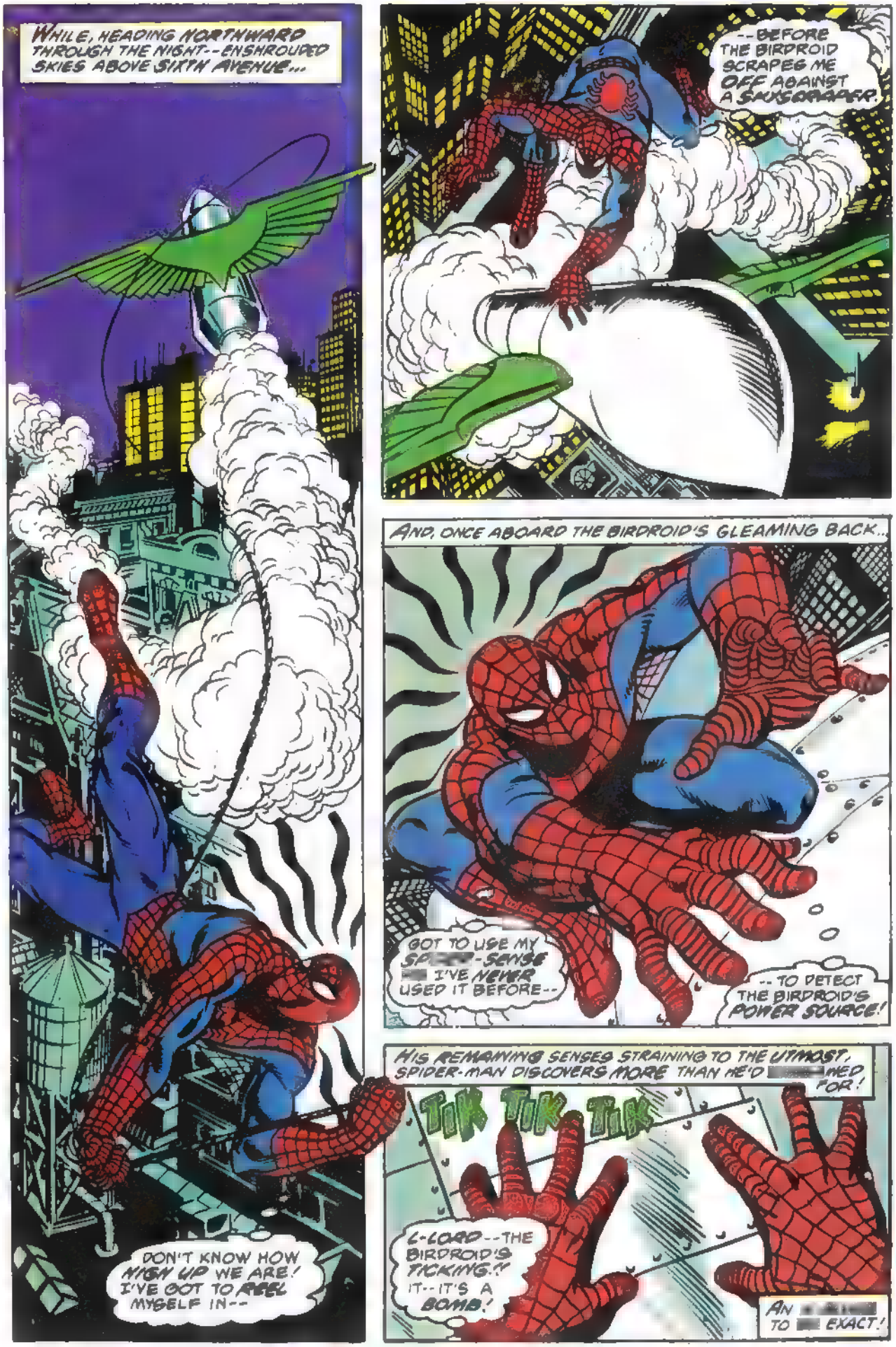
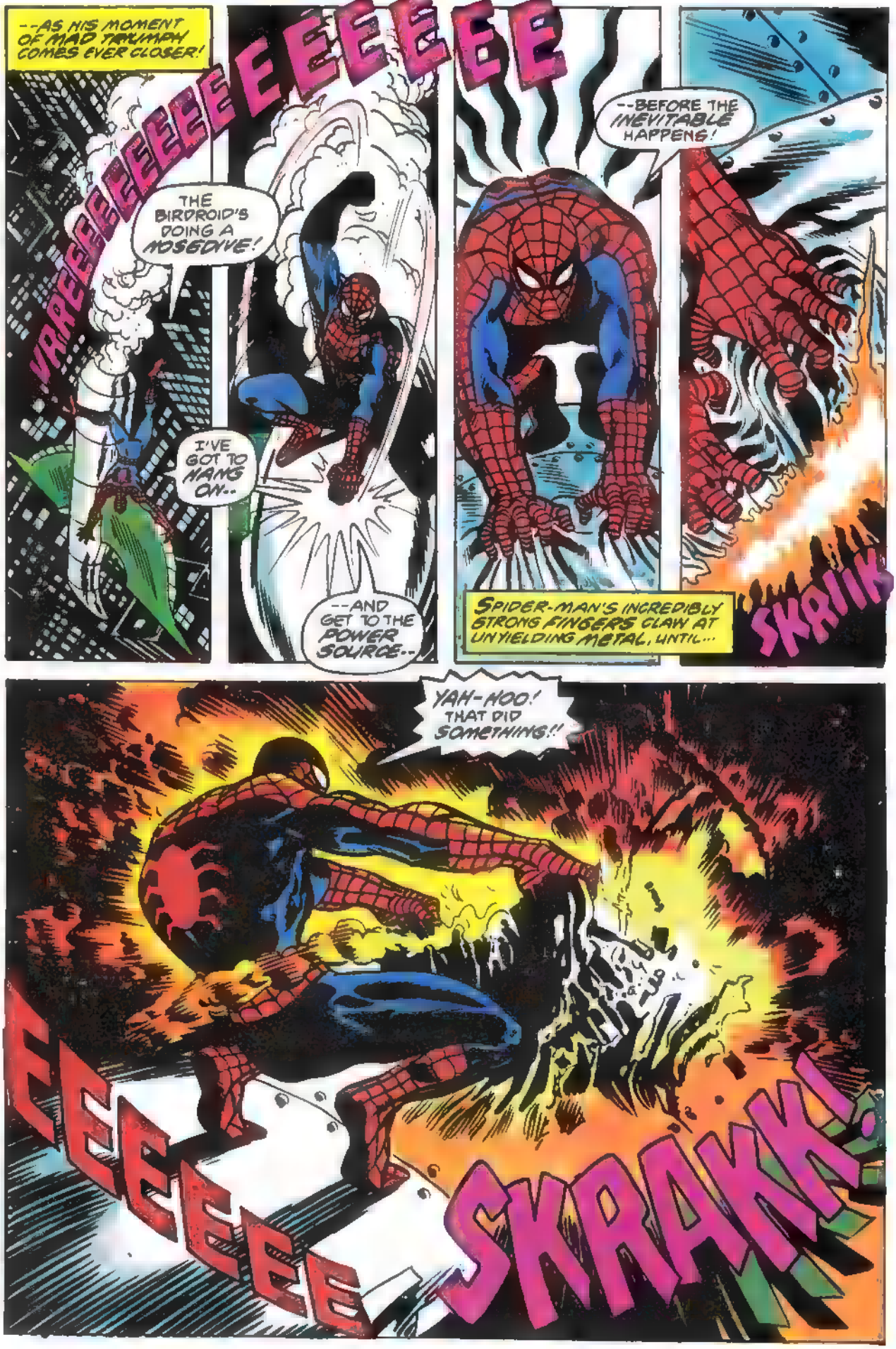
AND...
A COMBINATION OF GOOD HEARING AND [redacted] GUIDED MY SHOT!
VROOSH!
--BUT IT'S TAKING ME WITH IT.
I'VE SNAGGED THE BIRDROID--
MEANWHILE, IN THE 47th STREET PENTHOUSE OF THE [redacted] MARAUDER...
I'VE GOT MY HANDS FULL WITH THESE MAGGIA GOONS!
I CAN'T HELP SPIDER-MAN--
--OR REACH THE MARAUDER TO FORCE HIM TO DEACTIVATE HIS BOMBDROID--
FIGHT [redacted] DAREDEVIL --NOT THAT IT MATTERS! IF THE MAYOR DOES NOT CONCEDE TOTAL CONTROL [redacted] NEW [redacted] TO THE MAGGIA--
TAK
TIK
--MY BOMBDROID WILL BLOW THE BIG APPLE OFF THE MAP!
AND IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE...
THE MARAUDER CAN TELEPORT HIMSELF TO SAFETY-- BUT WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT 8 MILLION NEW YORKERS, MR. MAYOR??
DAREDEVIL'S BEING HELD AT BAY!
I...I DON'T KNOW--

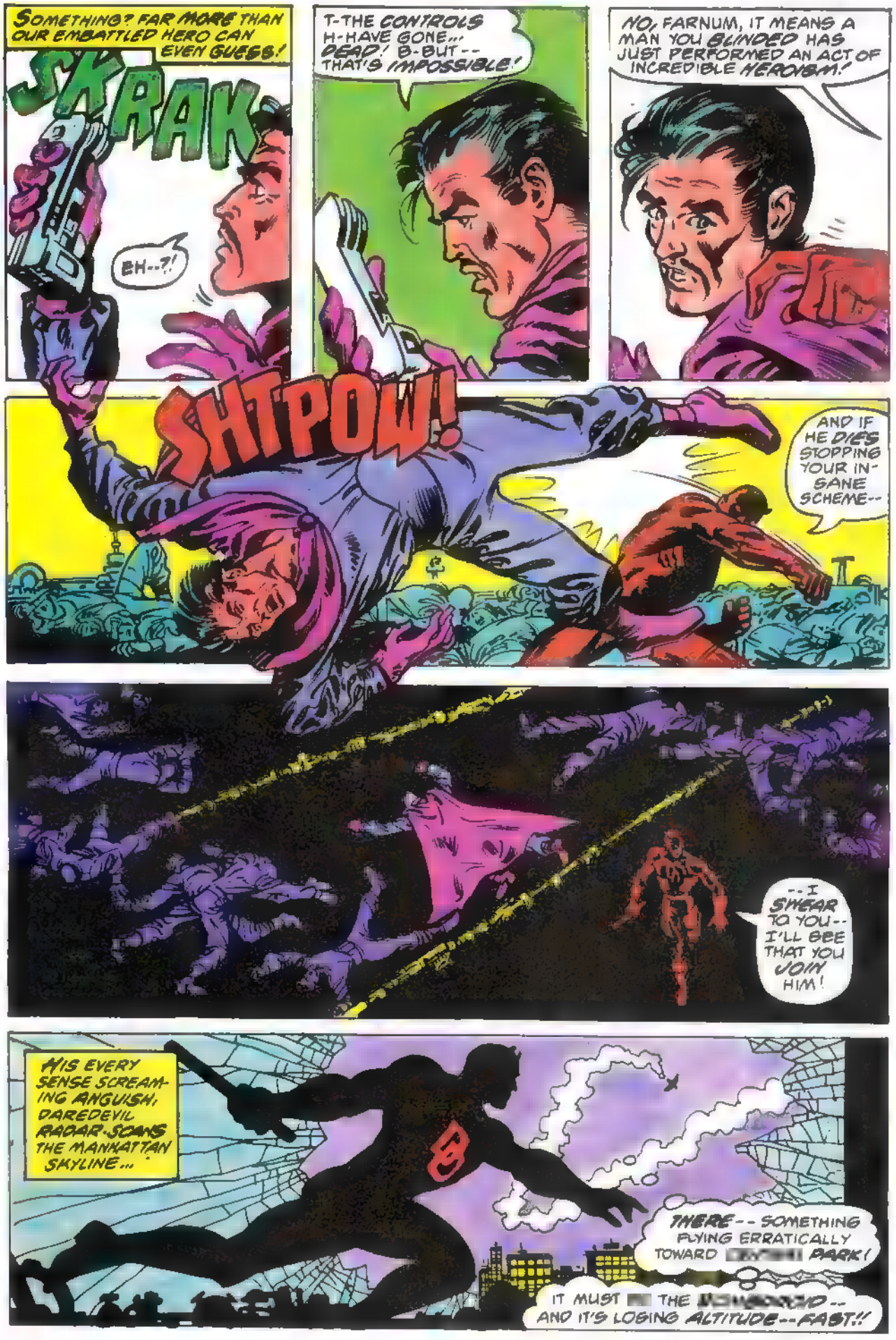
"...B-BUT IF DAREDEVIL FAILS TO STOP HIM--THAT QUESTION MIGHT WELL BECOME ACADEMIC."
THE MAGGIA GOONS ARE BREAKING AWAY FROM ME!
MY RADAR SENSE REVEALS THEM RE-GROUPING AT THE MARAUDER'S SIGNAL!
--INTO A FIRM'S SQUAD!
FINISH HIM! OBTAIN FOR ME MY LONG-SOUGHT RE
WITH PLEASURE, BOSS--IF IT'LL GET US OUT OF HERE FASTER!
GOT TO TIME THIS PERFECTLY --CATCH THEM --GET THEM TO FOLLOW MY LEAP--
--THAT THEY RAKE THE WALL BEHIND ME WITH THEIR RIFLE-FIRE!
PTANG!
POK!
POK!
PRAK!
SO THAT IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO MISS--
--THE CONDUIT BOX WHICH CONTROLS THE PENTHOUSE'S LIGHTS!
FZZZZZTT
THE ENTIRE FLOOR IS INSTANTANEOUSLY PLUNGED INTO UTTER DARKNESS!

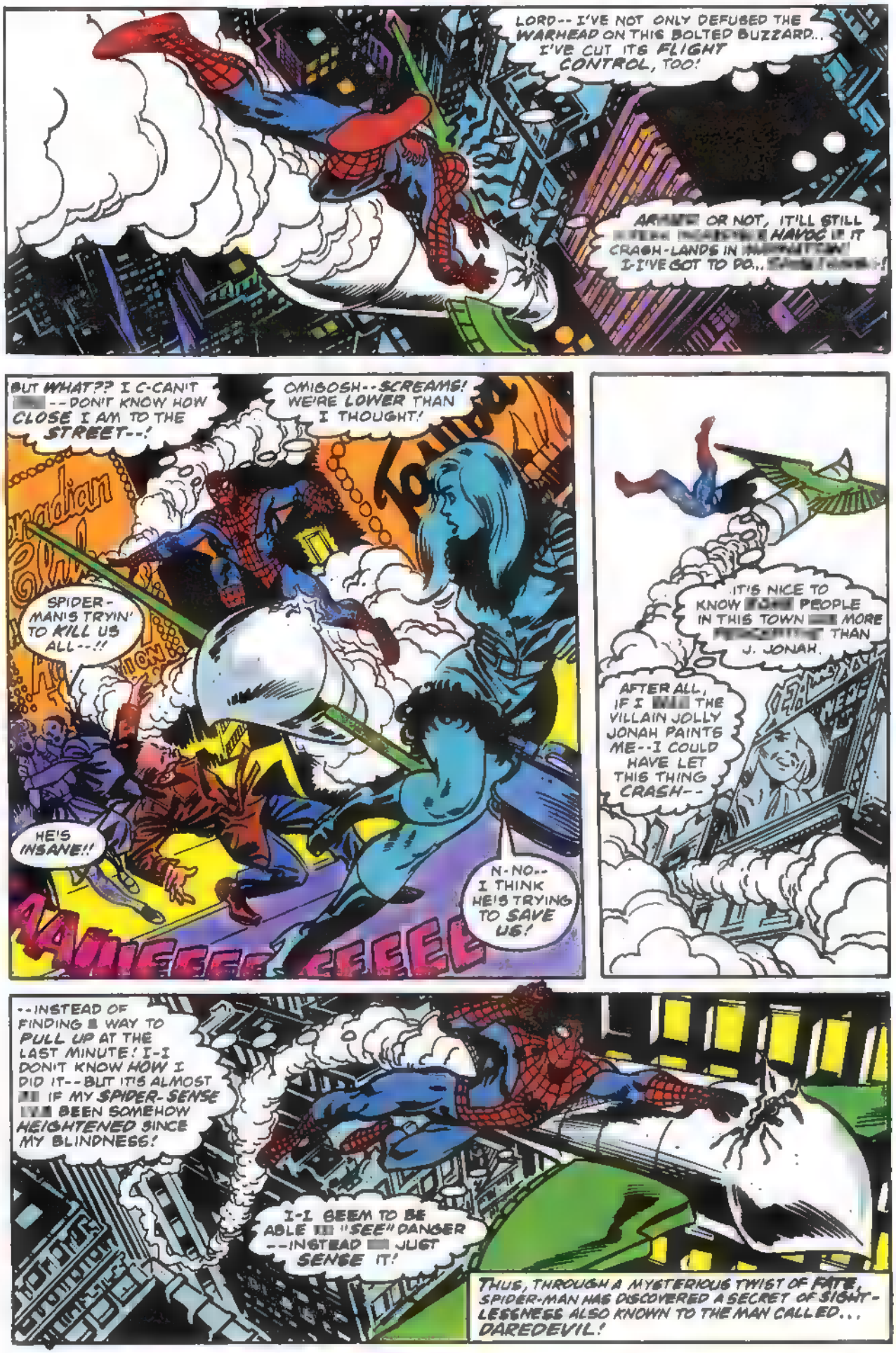
ENVELOPED IN [redacted] BY HIS UNCANNY [redacted] SENSES, THE SIGHTLESS MAN WITHOUT FEAR IS RIGHT AT HOME IN THE ELEMENT HE KNOWS BEST!
WHOK
CHUDD
NGG
KLUGG
THAT'S THE LAST OF [redacted] FLUNKIES, MARAUDER...
DAREDEVIL'S MASK MUST [redacted] EQUIPPED--AS MINE IS--WITH INFRARED LENSES, ENABLING HIM TO SEE IN [redacted] DARK! BUT IF HE THINKS ME BLIND... HELPLESS... AT HIS MERCY--
--HOW LITTLE HE HAS LEARNED OF MY [redacted] OVER THE YEARS!
SHKROW!
YEEAGGHH!!
THE IMPACT OF MY EYE [redacted] IS PHYSICAL AS WELL AS OPTICAL, YOU COSTUMED CRETIN!


WHILE, HEADING NORTHWARD THROUGH THE NIGHT--ENSHROUDED SKIES ABOVE SIXTH AVENUE...
DON'T KNOW HOW HIGH UP WE ARE! I'VE GOT TO REEL MYSELF IN--
--BEFORE THE BIRDROID SCRAPES ME OFF AGAINST A SKYSCRAPER!
AND, ONCE ABOARD THE BIRDROID'S GLEAMING BACK...
GOT TO USE MY SPIDER-SENSE I'VE NEVER USED IT BEFORE--
--TO DETECT THE BIRDROID'S POWER SOURCE!
HIS REMAINING SENSES STRAINING TO THE UTMOST, SPIDER-MAN DISCOVERS MORE THAN HE'D BARGAINED FOR!
TIK TIK TIK
G-GOOD--THE BIRDROID'S TICKING!! IT--IT'S A BOMB!
AN EXACT!

WHILE...
MARAUDER -- IN THE NAME OF HUMANITY ...STOP YOUR BOMBDROID!
WHY, DAREDEVIL? WHAT'S HUMANITY EVER DONE FOR ME?!
SPAK
GOT TO KEEP HIM OCCUPIED -- MAKE HIM THINK HIS OPTI-BLASTS HAVE BLINDED ME--
--WHILE I BOUNCE MY BILLY CLUB OFF THE INSTRUMENT BANK BEHIND HIM!
STAK
TAK
YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO ME, YOU CRIMSON CLOWN!
WITH YOUR OPTIC NERVES DESTROYED -- YOU WON'T EVEN WITNESS YOUR OWN DEMISE!
TRAKAM!
AAAGGHHH!
IT WORKED -- HE DROPPED THE BOMB-DROID'S CONTROL BOX! NOW TO--!
UNGGH!
SMOK!
YOU INTERFERING, INSUFFERABLE IDIOT!
KRAM
--AND HE MEANS TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT!
C-CARELESS, DD -- YOU LET THE MARAUDER CATCH YOU OFF GUARD--
WHUNFF!
I'VE BORNE THE FINAL INDIGNITY FROM YOU, DAREDEVIL!
ONCE I PRESS THIS BUTTON -- THE BOMBDROID WILL BE ARMED AND SET TO EXPLODE UPON IMPACT!
BEEP BEEP BEEP
NOTHING CAN STOP IT -- NOTHING!
FARNUM... DON'T BE A FOOL--!
BUT THE MARAUDER MERELY LAUGHS SHRILLY..


--AS HIS MOMENT OF MAD TRIUMPH COMES EVER CLOSER!
VAREEEEEEEEEEEE
THE BIRDROID'S DOING A NOSEDIVE!
I'VE GOT TO HANG ON..
--AND GET TO THE POWER SOURCE--
--BEFORE THE INEVITABLE HAPPENS!
SPIDER-MAN'S INCREDIBLY STRONG FINGERS CLAW AT UNYIELDING METAL, UNTIL...
SKRIIK
YAH-HOO! THAT DID SOMETHING!!
EEEEEE
SKRAKK!


SOMETHING? FAR MORE THAN OUR EMBATTLED HERO CAN EVEN GUESS!
SKRAK
EH--?!
T-THE CONTROLS H-HAVE GONE... DEAD! B-BUT-- THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
NO, FARNUM, IT MEANS A MAN YOU BLINDED HAS JUST PERFORMED AN ACT OF INCREDIBLE HEROISM!
SHTPOW!
AND IF HE DIES STOPPING YOUR IN-SANE SCHEME--
--I SWEAR TO YOU-- I'LL SEE THAT YOU JOIN HIM!
HIS EVERY SENSE SCREAMING ANGUISH, DAREDEVIL RADAR-SCANS THE MANHATTAN SKYLINE...
THERE-- SOMETHING FLYING ERRATICALLY TOWARD [redacted] PARK!
IT MUST [redacted] THE [redacted] -- AND IT'S LOSING ALTITUDE--FAST!!


LORD-- I'VE NOT ONLY DEFUSED THE WARHEAD ON THIS BOLTED BUZZARD... I'VE CUT ITS FLIGHT CONTROL, TOO!
OR NOT, IT'LL STILL HAVOC IF IT CRASH-LANDS IN I-I'VE GOT TO DO..
BUT WHAT?? I C-CAN'T --DON'T KNOW HOW CLOSE I AM TO THE STREET--!
OMIGOSH--SCREAMS! WE'RE LOWER THAN I THOUGHT!
SPIDER-MAN'S TRYIN' TO KILL US ALL--!!
HE'S INSANE!!
N-NO-- I THINK HE'S TRYING TO SAVE US!
IT'S NICE TO KNOW PEOPLE IN THIS TOWN MORE THAN J. JONAH.
AFTER ALL, IF I THE VILLAIN JOLLY JONAH PAINTS ME--I COULD HAVE LET THIS THING CRASH--
--INSTEAD OF FINDING A WAY TO PULL UP AT THE LAST MINUTE! I-I DON'T KNOW HOW I DID IT--BUT IT'S ALMOST IF MY SPIDER-SENSE BEEN SOMEHOW HEIGHTENED SINCE MY BLINDNESS!
I-I SEEM TO BE ABLE "SEE" DANGER --INSTEAD JUST SENSE IT!
THUS, THROUGH A MYSTERIOUS TWIST OF FATE, SPIDER-MAN HAS DISCOVERED A SECRET OF SIGHTLESSNESS ALSO KNOWN TO THE MAN CALLED... DAREDEVIL!

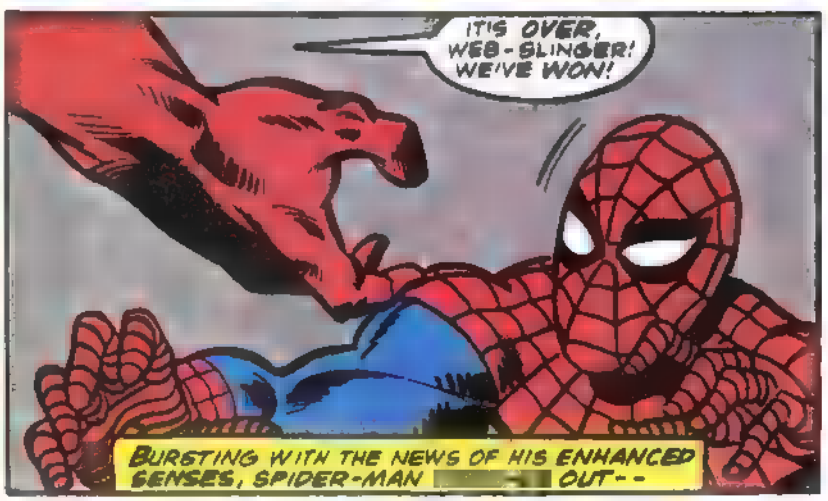
BUT WHETHER HE WILL LIVE TO MAKE USE OF HIS DISCOVERY REMAINS TO BE SEEN!
I SEEM TO SENSE A FLAT EXPANSE--EMPTY --NO BUILDINGS AROUND!
FWUMP!
I-I'VE GLIDED [redacted] BOMBDROID IN LOW--SLOWED IT DOWN!
B-BUT--WHAT IF I'M WRONG?!
KA-WOOM!
U-UNGHH!
MOMENTS LATER, AS OUR SIGHTLESS WEB-SLINGER SCRAPES HIMSELF UP OFF ROUGH COBBLESTONES...
T-THE SMELL OF TREES... GRASS-- [redacted] NEVER [redacted] NOTICE [redacted] TH-THAT [redacted] I DID IT! [redacted] THE [redacted] IN CENTRAL PARK!
THE DANGER'S PAST!!
FREEZE, WALL-CRAWLER!
FANTASTIC! I CAN ALMOST PIN-POINT THEIR POSITIONS-- [redacted] THEIR [redacted]
IT'S LIKE HAVING A T.V. COP SHOW TRANSLATED INTO BRAILLE!

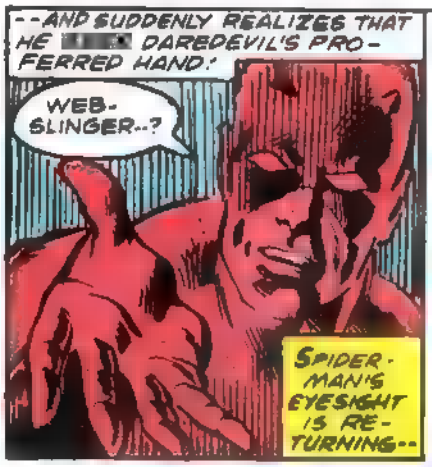
HEY... I BET I'M THE WORLD'S FIRST SIGHTLESS SUPERHERO!
NO SUDDEN MOVES, WEB-SLINGER...
A BILLY CLUB? THAT MUST MEAN--
NOT QUITE, WALL-CRAWLER!
CHOK!
GILROY --LOOK OUT!

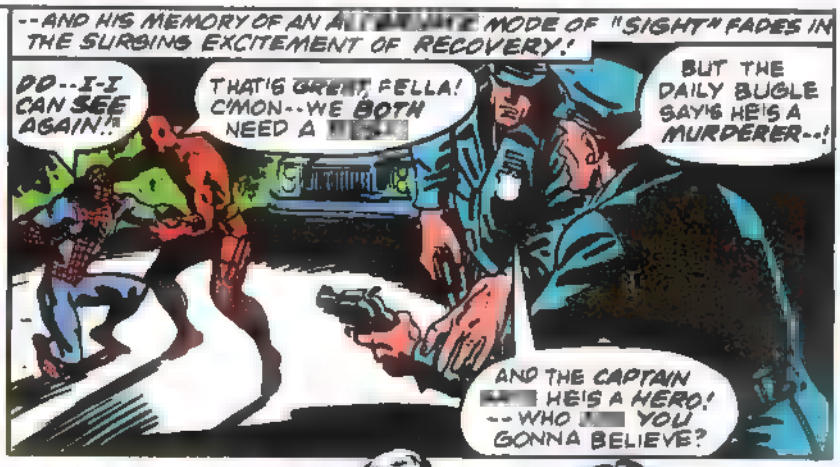
THAT DAREDEVIL IS HERE! PLEASE HOLSTER YOUR GUNS AND BACK AWAY FROM SPIDER-MAN, OFFICERS!
I'M TAKING HIM OUT OF HERE!
BUT WE GOT REPORTS HE WAS TERRORIZING MIDTOWN--!

I DON'T [illegible] THE TIME [illegible] THE INCLINATION TO [illegible] TILL YOU [illegible] FROM [illegible] PROBABLY [illegible] TO [illegible] NOW--

--WITH [illegible] TO CONVERSE [illegible] WEST 47th [illegible] PENTHOUSE... ARREST THE DEFEATED [illegible] MASKED MARAUDER'S [illegible]!
STUNNED, THE DISBELIEVING COPS RUSH TO THEIR PATROL CARS--A [illegible] IS [illegible]


IT'S OVER, WEB-SLINGER! WE'VE WON!
BURSTING WITH THE NEWS OF HIS ENHANCED SENSES, SPIDER-MAN [illegible] OUT--




--AND HIS MEMORY OF AN [redacted] MODE OF "SIGHT" FADES IN THE SURGING EXCITEMENT OF RECOVERY!
DO--I-I CAN SEE AGAIN!!
THAT'S GREAT, FELLA! C'MON--WE BOTH NEED A [redacted]
BUT THE DAILY BUGLE SAYS HE'S A MURDERER--!
AND THE CAPTAIN [redacted] HE'S A HERO! --WHO [redacted] YOU GONNA BELIEVE?

TAKING NO CHANCES ON A RELAPSE, AN EXHAUSTED SPIDER-MAN SPENDS THE NIGHT ON [redacted] COUCH IN THE STOREFRONT LEGAL OFFICE OF NELSON AND MURDOCK! THE NIGHT PASSES, TAKING WITH IT THE MENACE OF THE MAGGIA! AND, WITH THE COMING OF THE NEW DAY--

--DETECTIVE JIMMY D'ANGELO FINDS HIMSELF CONDUCTING A MORE-THAN-ROUTINE MISSING PERSONS INVESTIGATION...
...IN THE RAVAGED CHELSEA APARTMENT OF PETER PARKER!
FLASH, I CAME AS SOON AS I--OH MY GOD!!
EASY MJ--IT ONLY LOOKS BAD!

YEH. A LOT OF STUFF THROWN ABOUT--FURNITURE OVERTURNED--BUT NUTHIN' DESTROYED OR STOLEN AS [redacted] AS [redacted] CAN TELL.
B-BUT--PETER? [redacted] ??!!

THE DEAD WALK PARKER
THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HOPING YOU AND YOUR [redacted]S COULD TELL US, MIGS.
DON'T LOOK LIKE WHOEVER DONE THIS KNEW EITHER--ELSE WHY DID HE LEAVE A CALLING CARD?

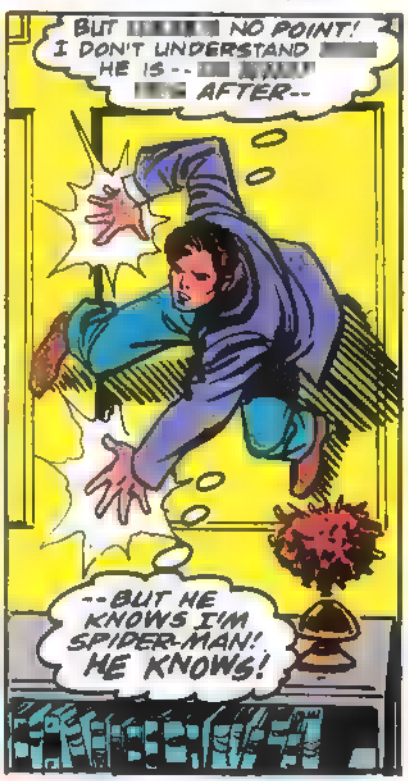
AND, TWO [redacted] ABOVE [redacted] ALLEYWAY JUST OUT- [redacted] THE APARTMENT WINDOW...
THAT WAS MY SECOND QUESTION, MJ--RIGHT AFTER: "WHAT [redacted] YOU ALL DOING HERE?"
THE COPS AREN'T GIVING OUT ANY ANSWERS WHILE THEY WAIT FOR PETER PARKER TO SHOW UP!
THWIP
WELL, I WON'T DISAPPOINT THEM--
--ONCE I GET DRESSED, THAT IS!
YES'M.
AN' LIKE I TOLD THE LIEUTENANT, THE WHOLE PLACE STUNK--JUST LIKE BRIMSTONE!
I WONDER WHEN THIS HAPPENED! I WAS BLIND FOR TWO DAYS-- TOTALLY INCOMMUNICADO!
BUT THE JACKPOT QUESTION IS: [redacted] MY MYSTERIOUS HOUSE- [redacted] HAVE SOMETHING AGAINST PETER PARKER--
--OR DOES HE SUSPECT I'M SPIDER-MAN??
AND THAT IS A POSSIBILITY I AM DEFINITELY NOT PREPARED TO DEAL WITH AT THE MOMENT!
I'LL STASH MY SPIDEY-SUIT OUT HERE! GIVEN THE FREQUENCY OF [redacted] COLLECTION IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD--IT SHOULD BE [redacted] FOR QUITE AWHILE!

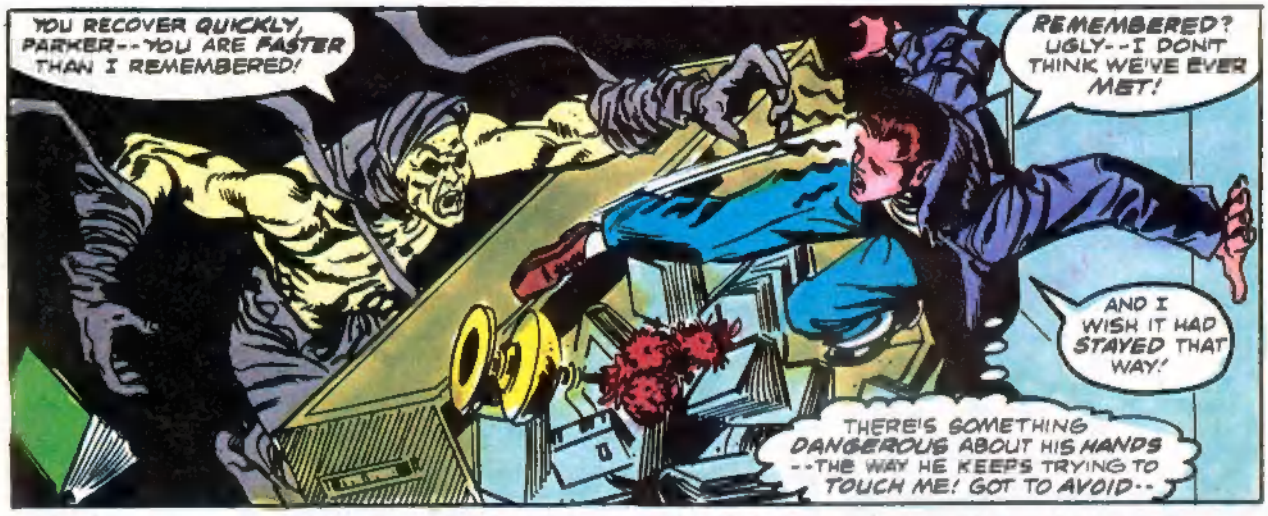
SECONDS LATER...
HEY--WHAT GIVES? NOT ANOTHER SURPRISE DISCO PARTY, I HOPE!
PETEY--?
YOU REALLY OKAY, PETE?
HE WILL BE--WHEN MARY JANE LETS HIM UP FOR AIR!
HUH? WHOA! HOLD IT MJ--SLOW DOWN!
OH, TIGER --WE WERE SO WORRIED!
NOW LET'S HOPE I PLAY THIS NEXT PART CONVINCINGLY!
I DON'T GET IT! THERE [redacted] COPS ALL OVER--! HOLY SMOKES!
WHO TRASHED MY APARTMENT??!
[redacted] WHO WOULD'VE [redacted] TRASHING YOU, [redacted]!
YOU'RE A [redacted] PHOTOGRAPHER--JOURNALISTS MAKE [redacted] THINKIN', SON--WE'LL START [redacted]
BUT THE INTERROGATION PROVES FRUITLESS, AND FINALLY THE DISSATISFIED POLICE DEPART!
SO YOU'VE BEEN IN THE COLLEGE INFIRMARY [redacted] THE PAST TWO DAYS, TIGER?
UH--RIGHT! I HURT MY EYES IN A CHEM LAB EXPERIMENT!
POOR PETER--WHY DON'T YOU LET ME TAKE CARE OF YOU TONIGHT?
BETTY--I THINK WHAT [redacted] MAN NEEDS IS REST... NOT RECREATION! YOU CAN CRASH AT MY PLACE, PETE!
I-I GUESS I CAN'T STAY HERE. THANKS, HECTOR.
DE NADA, AMIGO. MEET YOU AFTER MY LAST CLASS--
"--TONIGHT... AT THE CAMPUS LIBRARY!"
HECTOR GAVE [redacted] AN OUT! WHOEVER RAVAGED MY APARTMENT MIGHT TRACE [redacted] TO [redacted] FRIEND'S HOME! I COULDN'T RISK INVOLVING THE OTHERS--BUT HECTOR'S THE WHITE TIGER! HE CAN TAKE [redacted] OF HIMSELF!
BUT [redacted] MY MYSTERIOUS [redacted] HE [redacted] PETER PARKER, LIKE D'ANGELO BAID?
OR HAS SOME MADMAN DISCOVERED MY SECRET IDENTITY!?
[redacted] FPTBS#20--AL

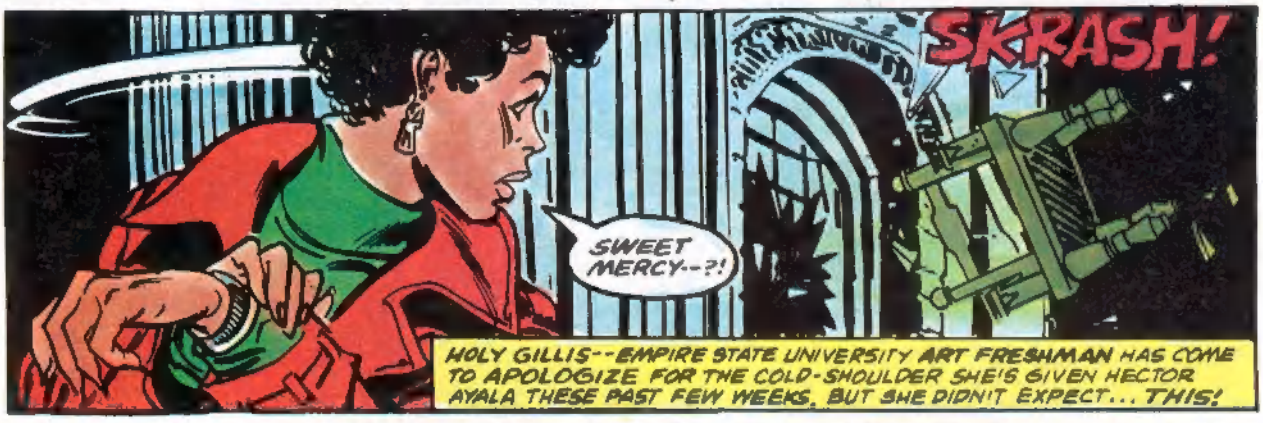
MADMAN? THAT COULD FIT OSBORNE--AS THE GOBLIN, HE KNOWS I'M
BUT NORMAL SINCE OUR LAST BATTLE!* HUH? MY TINGLING??
*AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #180--AL
IT'S REGISTERING DANGER--INSIDE THE LIBRARY!
OMIGOSH--HECTOR! HE'S IN THERE WAITING FOR ME!
SECURITY GUARD--OUT COLD! LIKE HE FELL THE FLIGHT OF STAIRS!
OR HE WAS PUSHED! LORD WHAT IF HECTOR DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO TO THE TIGER!
WHAT IF SOMEONE KNEW HE'D BE MEETING ME HERE?
WHAT BETTER WAY TO LAY A TRAP FOR PETER THAN TO BAIT IT WITH ONE OF HIS FRIENDS!
HECTOR!
ASHES TO ASHES!
UNCONSCIOUS, OR--NO! HE'S BREATHING! AND THAT INSCRIPTION WRITTEN IN RED DUST ACROSS CHEST--
JUST LIKE THE ONE ON MY APARTMENT WALL!
UH-OH! DANGER--BEHIND ME!

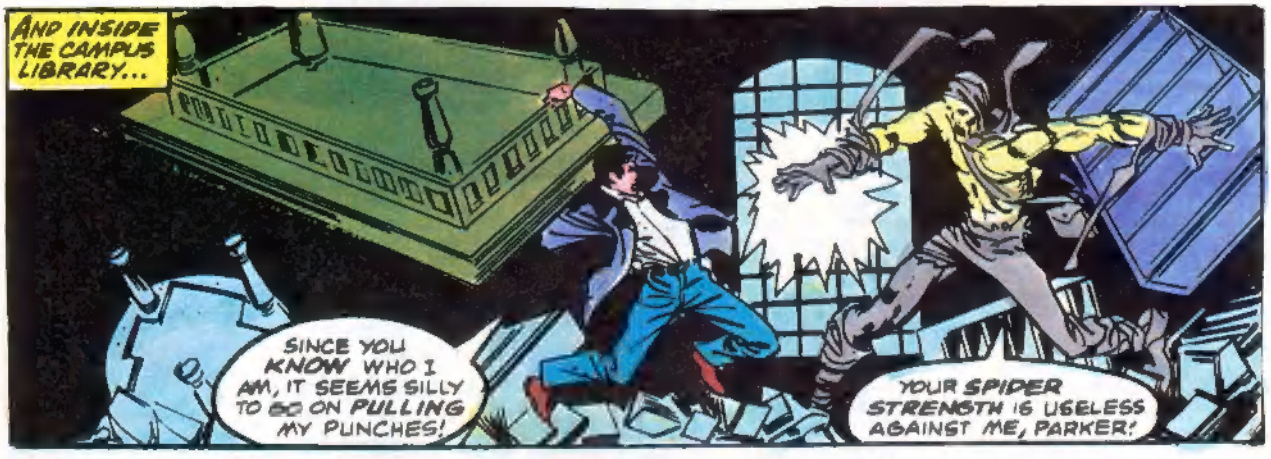
PERHAPS IT'S EXHAUSTION--OR THE SHOCK OF FINDING HECTOR'S UNCONSCIOUS BODY--BUT PETER PARKER'S VAUNTED SPIDER SENSE REACTS... JUST A FRACTION OF A SECOND TOO LATE!
DIE PARKER! DIE, MURDERER!!
SKAM
COULDN'T AVOID HIS BLOW--HE'S SMASHED HECTOR AND ME OFF THE BALCONY! WE'RE FALLING DOWN INTO THE MAIN [illegible] ROOM!

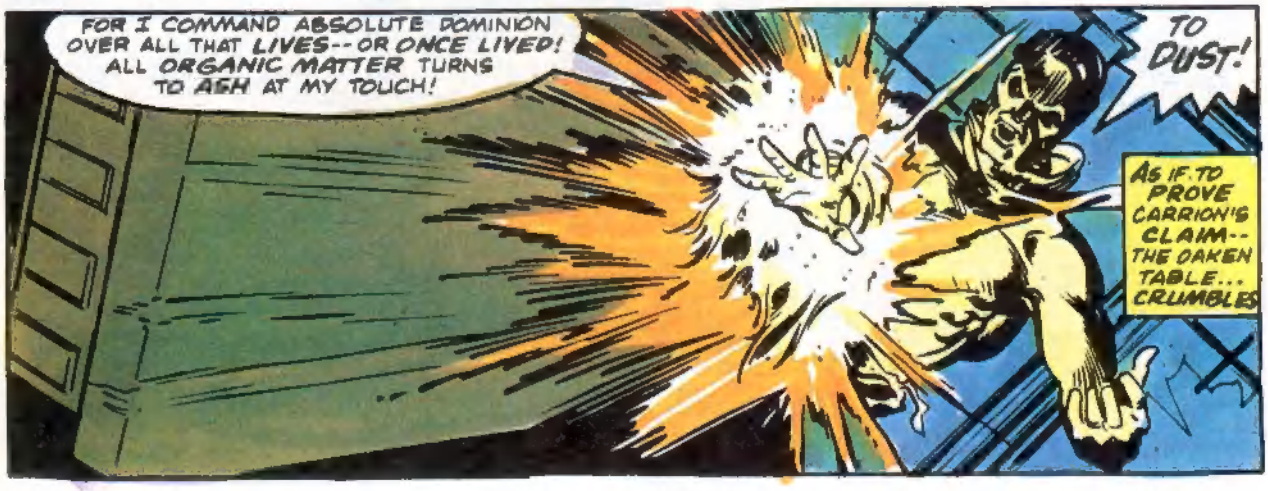
DON'T [illegible] THIS TOO EASY [illegible] ME, [illegible].
USE YOUR CURSED SPIDER-ABILITY! SAVE YOURSELF!
BLAST IT! I WAS GOING TO PLAY POSSUM ALONGSIDE HECTOR--SEE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN...

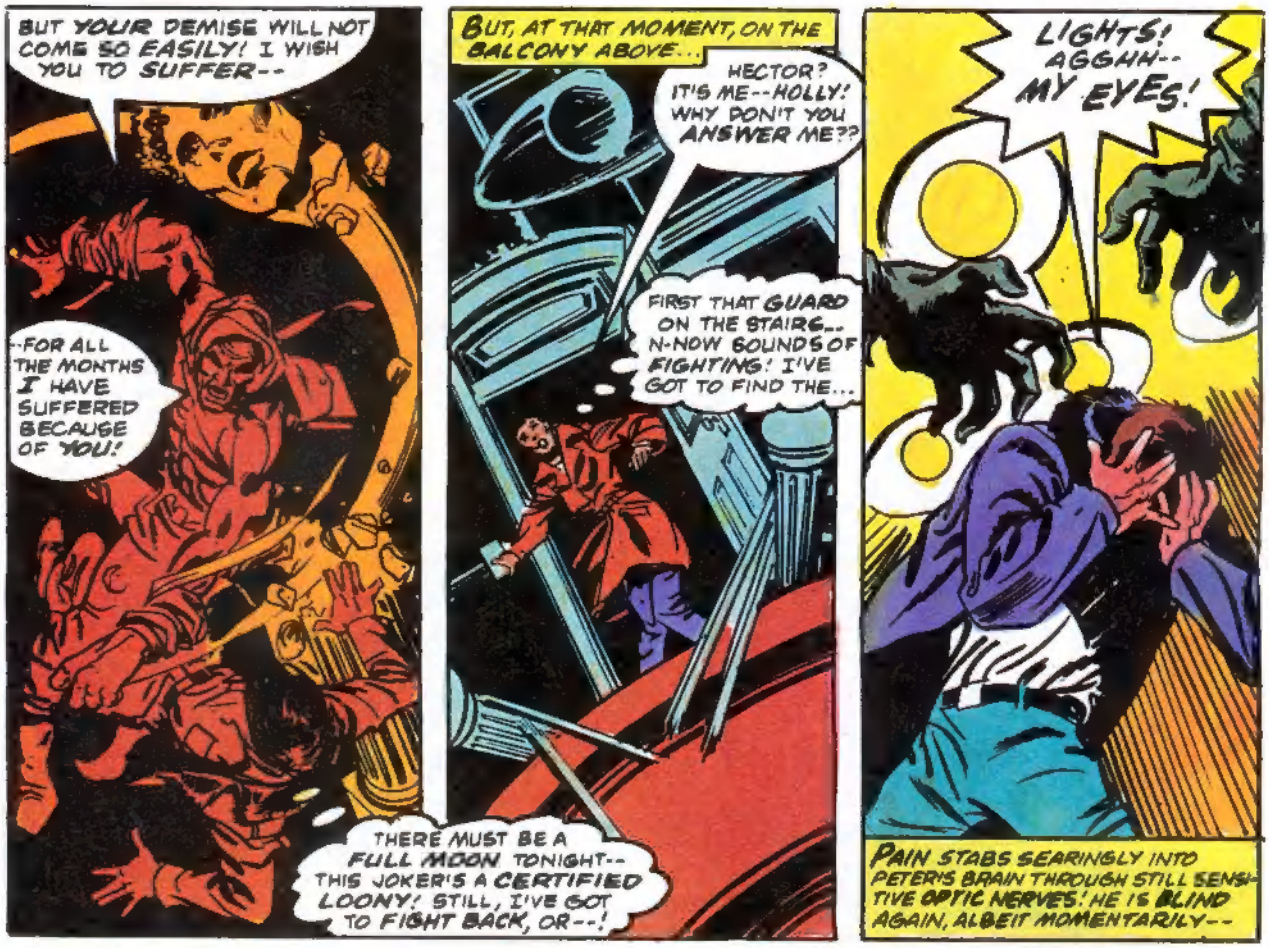

BUT [illegible] NO POINT! I DON'T UNDERSTAND [illegible] HE IS--[illegible] [illegible] AFTER--
--BUT HE KNOWS I'M SPIDER-MAN! HE KNOWS!


YOU RECOVER QUICKLY, PARKER--YOU ARE FASTER THAN I REMEMBERED!
REMEMBERED? UGLY--I DON'T THINK WE'VE EVER MET!
AND I WISH IT HAD STAYED THAT WAY!
THERE'S SOMETHING DANGEROUS ABOUT HIS HANDS --THE WAY HE KEEPS TRYING TO TOUCH ME! GOT TO AVOID--


SKRASH!
SWEET MERCY--?!
HOLY GILLIS--EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY ART FRESHMAN HAS COME TO APOLOGIZE FOR THE COLD-SHOULDER SHE'S GIVEN HECTOR AYALA THESE PAST FEW WEEKS. BUT SHE DIDN'T EXPECT... THIS!


AND INSIDE THE CAMPUS LIBRARY...
SINCE YOU KNOW WHO I AM, IT SEEMS SILLY TO GO ON PULLING MY PUNCHES!
YOUR SPIDER STRENGTH IS USELESS AGAINST ME, PARKER!


FOR I COMMAND ABSOLUTE DOMINION OVER ALL THAT LIVES--OR ONCE LIVED! ALL ORGANIC MATTER TURNS TO ASH AT MY TOUCH!
TO DUST!
AS IF TO PROVE CARRION'S CLAIM--THE OAKEN TABLE... CRUMBLES


BUT YOUR DEMISE WILL NOT COME SO EASILY! I WISH YOU TO SUFFER--
--FOR ALL THE MONTHS I HAVE SUFFERED BECAUSE OF YOU!
BUT, AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE BALCONY ABOVE...
HECTOR? IT'S ME--HOLLY! WHY DON'T YOU ANSWER ME??
FIRST THAT GUARD ON THE STAIRS... N-NOW SOUNDS OF FIGHTING! I'VE GOT TO FIND THE...
THERE MUST BE A FULL MOON TONIGHT-- THIS JOKER'S A CERTIFIED LOONY! STILL, I'VE GOT TO FIGHT BACK, OR--!
LIGHTS! AGGHH-- MY EYES!
PAIN STABS SEARINGLY INTO PETER'S BRAIN THROUGH STILL SENSITIVE OPTIC NERVES! HE IS BLIND AGAIN, ALBEIT MOMENTARILY--

--BUT LONG ENOUGH FOR CARRION TO GET A STRANGLEHOLD UPON OUR HERO'S THROAT!
GG-GGKK!
SOON YOU WILL WISH I HAD OBLITERATED YOU--REDUCED YOU TO DUST AS I DID THAT TABLE! BUT I WISH TO PROLONG YOUR AGONY, PARKER--UNTIL YOU HAVE PAID FOR YOUR HEINOUS CRIMES!
OH MY GOD-- WHOEVER YOU ARE... STOP IT! YOU'RE KILLING HIM!!
NO, NOT YET--THOUGH THE DEATH PENALTY IS THE PROPER PUNISHMENT FOR MURDERERS! PARKER HAS KILLED--BUT NO COURT SHALL JUDGE HIM!
FOR VENGEANCE BELONGS TO CARRION!
NEXT
DUST TO DUST!

Who was **Carrion**, and why was he saying those nasty things about **Peter Parker**?

Well, once upon a time there was a very beautiful young woman who went by the name of **Gwen Stacy**. **Peter Parker** loved her, and he might have given up his career as **the Amazing Spider-Man** to marry her . . . if she hadn't been mercilessly murdered by the original **Green Goblin**. It took **Peter** years to get over the loss of **Gwen** . . . but there was another who had loved her as deeply as **Peter**, without ever revealing that love, and who suffered so that, in time, the thought of her death drove **Professor Miles Warren** over sanity's edge.

Yes, **Warren** went mad, and blamed **Spider-Man** for **Gwen's** death. Now, normally, a madman's hatred might not prove much of a menace . . . but **Warren** was a genius. First he cloned **Gwen Stacy**, creating an exact replica of the original, and then used this poor creature as bait when, as **the Jackal**, **Warren** himself tried to destroy our hero . . . only to die himself. End of story? Not quite for, as we've said, **Warren** was a genius. Thus, before his death, **Warren** had extracted one of his own cells, and set about cloning it. But **Warren** never returned to monitor the process. The cell divided, a clone of **Miles Warren** was born, lived . . . and *died* . . . in a special life-preserving culture.

When finally released, **Warren's** clone emerged from the life-sustaining fluids with the ghastly powers of the cadaverous . . . **Carrion!**

Thus, **Carrion** knew everything about **Peter Parker** that **Warren** himself had known . . . except that **Warren** had recanted his hatred of **Spider-Man** and had, in fact, died to save our amazing arachnid's life!

It took all the combined powers of **Spider-Man** and **the White Tiger** to defeat **Carrion**, and finally lay the memory of **Miles Warren** to rest . . .

. . . but that is another story, for another time.

I AM VIOLENT MURDER COME BACK TO HAUNT YOU! I AM THE DEAD--WALKING AGAIN! I AM VENGEANCE--HATRED--YOUR JUDGE AND YOUR EXECUTIONER!
B-BUT, WHO ARE YOU? AT LEAST TELL ME THAT!
FOOL! CAN IT BE THAT YOU STILL HAVE NOT GUESSED THE AWESOME TRUTH?
I AM THE LIVING CLONE OF PROFESSOR MILES WARREN!